



The Baffle

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 2 New Members added to the UR family
- Take a trip to Valle Crucis
- Check out July and August event calendars
- Look inside for riding safety tips.

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Helping Others

Hello UR Brothers and Sisters. We love our bikes! We enjoy riding our bikes! We enjoy riding them with our family and friends! We could live without them, but man, we wouldn't like it. Having these "memory machines" sure makes our life a little better.....

Now, imagine life without it..... Imagine life without a home..... This is a reality for many people.

I am very proud to announce that the United Riders Riding Club has decided to help out a local homeless shelter in Thomasville, The Shepherd's Inn. We will be spending a lot of time trying to raise money to give the shelter a hand in "helping others" that have no place to go, no family that can or will allow them to spend a few days with them to get back on their feet.

I don't expect this club to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars, and no one else does either. But if we can ride our bikes, enjoy each other's company, and help out someone in need while raising both money and awareness for some less fortunate people, then we should. It is what we do. It is

who we are.

We are going to have a poker run on October 15th. We are going to need everyone's help with this and I'm sure we will get it. There will be a lot more info coming over the next couple weeks, lots of opportunities to ride those bikes and help others. So keep your eyes and ears open, and a tank of gas ready.

I would like to welcome our new members for July. We are glad to have you in our family.

Please invite anyone you meet to come join us in helping the Shepherd's Inn on October the 15th.

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:



Tony and Sandra Batton live in Troy , NC and ride a Harley Davidson Rocker and Trike.

“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: Celebrate Summer on Your Motorcycle

Celebrating the open road by getting on your bike and riding it... But riding season also means increased motorcycle accidents. So there are a few things you should remember and check often:

1. Prep your bike

Give your motorcycle a once-over before you hit the road. Make sure your lights, brakes and turn signals are working. Position mirrors correctly so you can see well. Periodically, check the fluid levels and tire pressure to ensure everything is where its supposed to be.

2. Make visibility your goal

Motorcycle awareness is about visibility, according to [National Association of State Motorcycle Safety Administrators](#). Always keep an adequate distance between yourself and other vehicles, ensuring they can see you as well as you can see them. Wear bright clothing that utilizes reflective materials. Consider always keeping your lights on, even if it's a sunny day, to increase visibility.

3. Brush up on your riding skills

Whether you want to learn to ride a motorcycle for the first time or are a seasoned rider, it's smart to *polish your riding skills*. With ever-changing laws and road conditions,

stay ahead of the curve by taking an advanced safety at Randolph Community College. If you do, your insurance company to see if you qualify for a discount on your motorcycle insurance policy after completing your rider education course.

4. Invest in good gear

Quality motorcycle riding gear is a must because when worst comes to worst, it's what's between you and the pavement that can save your life. Select a high quality helmet that fits properly, use glasses or goggles to protect the eyes. Leather is the best material for a jacket and pants because it is very durable. Non-slip gloves help keep your hands protected. Finally, always use shoes or boots that cover your ankles.

5. Drive with safety in mind

The rules of the road apply to everyone, but motorcyclists sometimes need to take **extra** precautions to ensure they stay safe. Don't tailgate other vehicles and always stick to speed limits. Weaving in and out of traffic is dangerous, and makes it hard for other drivers to see you. Signal turns and lane changes ahead of time. Know your bikes limits and don't push yourself beyond your comfort levels. Drive [your motorcycle safely](#) and confidently - and have a great riding season.

Sergio Sandoval, Safety Officer

Treasure's Corner: Saving Money By Riding A Motorcycle

Today, a lot of people are saving money by riding a motorcycle. Then again maybe that is just the excuse they give. Since the cost of living is on the rise, everyone is looking at methods of cutting expenses. Transportation is a major consideration.

People have all different reasons for wanting to buy a motorcycle; the fun, the thrill, the money. Looking to save money, then a bike may be the answer you're looking for. Compared to large cars, trucks, and SUVs, motorcycles can be substantially more cost effective. Insuring a bike is cheaper, and maintenance on a motorcycle is a lot less than on other vehicles.

If you have a car or truck, an SUV, you know how expensive they can be. A well-taken care of used bike would cost a fraction of what you would pay for a larger automobile. Given the fact that there is considerably less mass to motorcycle than a larger vehicle, the force needed to propel the smaller motorcycle forward is minimal. The less force needed, the lower the fuel consumption of the bike. This in the end saves money on fuel. There are other factors to take into consideration, such as is the bike going to be your primary vehicle, can you ride it all year long, or just seasonally. For the most part, using a bike to commute should save you money.

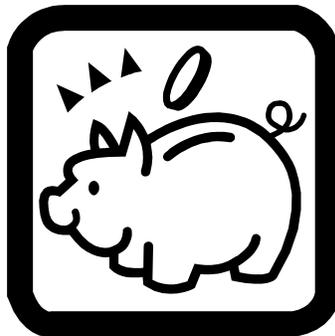
Now realistically, it is not always possible to have a motorcycle. Weather conditions make it impossible; having families does tend to make it difficult. It is not easy to put the whole family on the bike and take off for a few days. But if possible, as a second vehicle, it would be a feasible alternative for some. Using the bike, even seasonally, could save money. If not on fuel, then perhaps the fact that the primary vehicle is not being used as often, you could prolong the life of the vehicle by a couple of years. Less maintenance,

lower gas costs.

For some, time is a factor. Some places today have what is known as lane sharing. What this means is that more than one vehicle may share the same lane on a multi-lane road. By taking advantage of this system, smaller vehicles such a bikes, can scoot past slower vehicles saving the driver time. It also enables the congested traffic to lighten up and therefore move faster.

Cutting costs hits every area of our lives. Many people are cutting down on their entertainment. A motorcycle, an open road and a couple of hours, for some that is a mini getaway. It's their escape from the real world. The freedom to take this time when they need it, comes from knowing that it will not cost a fortune to fill up the tank and just go. While fewer people are just going out for a Sunday drive anymore like in the old days. They just can't afford it.

Could you be saving money by riding a motorcycle, you may ask yourself. Like everything else, it has good points and bad points. Where you live, how much use you will get out of the bike, are all points to be considered. Saving money may not be the reason you buy the bike, but it is a good reason to give. Then you can just tell everyone that the thrill of owning a bike, well that is just one of the added perks.



Sheri Sandoval

Treasurer

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

Destination: Valle Crucis

Valle Crucis is a very old, small town, just outside of Boone on NC-194. Valle Crucis got its name from Levi Ives, second Episcopal bishop of North Carolina in the 1840's (I'm sure he was out riding his steed and took a left turn in this valley to try and get lost – sounds familiar to me). The story is that he stumbled on this little valley and saw three streams forming the shape of Saint Andrew's cross and called it "Valle Crucis", Latin for Vale of the Cross. The valley was first settled around 200 years ago, and is North Carolina's oldest rural historic district and the entire community is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Valley is full of nationally recognized historic buildings such as The Baird House (1790), the Mast Farm Inn (1812), the Old Episcopal Mission (1842) and the Mast General Store (1883).



The Mast General Store is the best reason for a biker to make a short trip to Valle Crucis – Candy, music, old stuff, and did I mention the candy???????

The store was first opened in 1883 by Henry Taylor. He sold part of the store to W.W. Mast in 1897 and

it was known as the Taylor and Mast General Store of the next 16 years. Mr. Mast purchased the remainder of the store in 1913 and ran it for the next 60 years. During this time it was the "go to place" for coffee, field tools, and even caskets (talk about a one-stop shop) and it was the location of the local Post Office as well. If you could not pay for your items you could charge them and pay later (what a concept) or you could trade items (barter) instead of paying cash. This old store became the meeting place for much of the surrounding area for old men to sit around the pot-belly stove and talk about politics and weather and play checkers, and the old women could sit around and talk about the old men.

In 1940 a flood ripped thru the valley and many lives were lost, the store became a meeting place for the survivors to mourn and remember their lost loved ones.

The store was sold to a professor at Appalachian State who was from the Atlanta Area in 1973, and the store was added to the National Historic Registry that same year. The store was closed from 1977 to 1980 and was re-opened then by John and Faye Cooper, who still own it today.

So if you are looking for a place to go that offers



some winding, mountain roads, some old, historic buildings, and a great "atmosphere" (did I mention the candy?), this is a good one. (If you're not looking for these items, maybe you need to let someone that is, have your motorcycle...)

A great route to Valle Crucis would be to take 64 to Taylorsville and get on 16 North, to the Blue Ridge parkway south, to Linville, then North to 194. If you need to "get on down the road" you could cheat and take 421 to Boone.

If you go (and you know you should), and you want some candy (and you know you will), you may be able to trade some of the original equipment from your bike that has been replaced with CHROME (if this works, please let me know) for some candy!

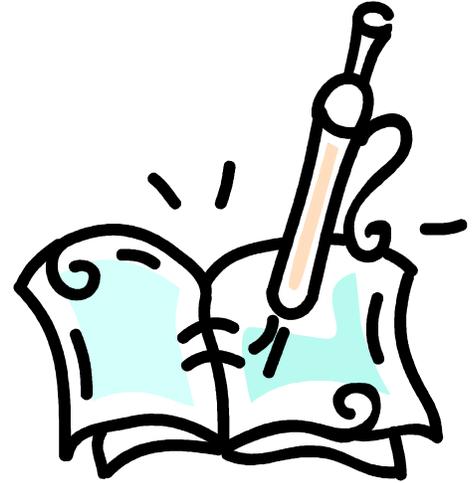
David Hess
President

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May 2011 Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting held June 9, 2011 at Bill's Pizza

- Sheri gave treasure report.
- Sheri went over order forms for hats, ordered on line from a different vendor.
- If any one wants name tags see Sheri.
- We welcomed two new members Bob Maldonado and Shelia Fesperman.
- Announced group picture would be taken our at our 1st annual picnic.
- Discussed calendar for June .
- Announced Lanee as our new webmaster (doing a great job by the way).
- If anyone needs information on how to download pictures into the Snapfish account, Sheri will go over it with you.



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



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 PM	15	16
17 Ice Cream Ride to Rockingham - Leave DK Cycles @ 12:30 PM	18	19 George's Dinner Ride to Darryl's - Leave DK Cycles @ 6:30 PM	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 Drive-in Movies Ride - Leave DK Cycles @ 7:30 PM
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AUGUST 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 United Riders Business Meeting	5	6 Emma Bunce's 1st Birthday Party - George & Arizona's 2:00 PM
7	8	9	10	11 Open Mem- ber Meeting - Bill's Pizza Eat @ 6:00 PM Meet @ 7:00 PM	12	13
14 Angie & Randy's Church Ride— Leave DK Cy- cles @ 10:00AM	15	16 Sheri's Dinner Ride to Ham's- Leave DK Cycles @ 6:30 PM	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 George's Dinner Ride to Spring Gar- den Pizza - Leave DK Cycles @ 6:30	25	26	27
28 Hess's Mystery Ride - Leave DK Cycles @ 10:00AM	29	30	31			



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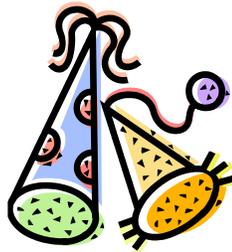
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United Riders is a group of friends and family who enjoy riding and the time spent making memories with each other as a group. We care about the community and the needs therein trying to help make a difference in a positive way. All those with the 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:
John Wayne Bolton ~ July 4th
Deena Payne ~ July 18th



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