



The Baffle

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- From the President
- From our VP
- New members
- Safety
- Santa Clause

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~ An Eventful Year ~

We start this edition by welcoming our newest members; Cathy & Greg Wilson, Mike Moorhead, and Shelley & Dan Sitko. Welcome!

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all our UR family. It's been an eventful year, to say the least. Here's to making next year even better.

I'd like to thank all who came out to our parking lot practice in Nov. It's a great thing to see a people who want to get together and practice group riding techniques, not only for the personal benefit, but for the groups benefit; making the UR's look good riding as a cohesive unit. It's safe and a great advertisement. Of course none of the things practiced are set in stone. My best advice is to always practice safe riding habits. And just like any sport, sometime your best practice is alone.

We have changed our meeting place for a couple of reasons, the main one being to try and accommodate all the members and prospective members. We are going to change it up every 3 months, moving it to different parts of the area so no one member or group of members has to travel the longest distance. We are looking for ideas of locations that have a separate room that can hold 40+ people, and a good menu. You all know how we like good food.

With this being said; nothing can prepare you for someone pulling out and hitting you. Just ask UR sister BK. Her and her

husband, Barry experienced this same situation. A full face helmet, layers of clothing, leather and a crash bar were most of her reaction time. Meaning there was no time to react. Tuck and roll, tuck and roll! When I hear about a situation like BK's it makes me wonder about those times at the beach, no helmet, flip-flops, shorts and a t-shirt; what was I thinking!

To all the URs who attended the many charity rides; "Ward St. Mission", "Mills Home", "The 10th Arzie Rodgers Toy Run", "Toys- for Tots" and "Brenner's Ride" to name just a few; I THANK YOU! Keep up the good work and when I say work I mean "Riding and having fun"! Here's to more of the same in 2013.

I hope everyone got my Christmas list. Remember; "99 HDFLSTS.

Remember to practice those hand signals, remember those we've lost and as always....
"Peace be the Journey"

Delbert Hinshaw ~ President



DOGGIE TAILS *by Lil Man*



Hi, guys. It was sure good to see everyone on the Mill's home ride. There sure were a lot of bikes. I loved it! I got to see all my old friends. They were all coming up to say hi but Mom was confused because she didn't remember a lot of them. I told her not to worry - they were my friends and that was all that counted.

Mom and Dad wouldn't take me on the Brenner's ride because they thought it might rain and I was to stupid to get out of the rain. But - isn't that what riding bikes is all about? The wind and sun and - yes - the rain in your face. Dad is just an old grouch sometimes.

Well, gotta go - I smell CORNDOGS! WOOF

Meeting Minutes *by Lanee Kirby, Secretary*

November 2012 Monthly Meeting

Everyone nominated for office spoke briefly and new officers were voted in for 2012.

Jack Steele – Vice President
Lanee Kirby – Secretary
Chrissy Clement – Membership Officer

Members were thanked for their participation in the food drive. Sergio and Sheri Sandoval were thanked for their hospitality in hosting the annual Halloween party.

Christmas party will be held at Delbert and Kim Hinshaw's home on Dec 15th.

Upcoming rides were discussed.

Club agreed to donate \$100.00 to the Mills Home in Thomasville.

Birthday congratulations were given to:

Gus Amedeo, Dale Jones and Sandy Batton.

Dale Jones won \$38.00 in the 50/50 drawing.



FROM OUR VP

Hey you guys, what's up?

Well, I am trying to write this, it's late and I have both hands that don't work worth beans right now and my foot is painful right now.

I took my boot off last night after Brenner's ride and it just ballooned up. Well, enough about that..

I'd like to welcome all the new prospects that are no longer prospects but full fledged members. that's great. We almost have a grand total of 50 and that is wonderful.

Ward street toy ride for the kids was a great turnout. Mill's toy run was huge - over 1800 bikes and 4000 people and Brenner's ride was great.

Perfect weather for all three rides. we could not ask for anything better.

the Christmas party is coming up at Kim & Delbert's. That is always a blast even though I missed it last year because I was sick.

Well, that is enough for now.

I hope everybody has a great and wonderful Christmas!

My best to all,

Jack Steele, Vice President



The Story of Santa

In the year 270 AD a bishop in the town of Myrna, now a part of Modern Day Turkey, earned the reputation of being an Anonymous Gift Giver. This is the first documentation of St. Nicholas. This is also the story that brought St. Nicholas in the 17th Century. Over the years his name was changed to Sinter Klaas, which means Good Saint.

In 1773 a New York city newspaper article referred to him as Santa Claus and the name stuck.

In 1809 someone told their children that all the doors and windows were locked so he must have come down the chimney. Thus the myth was started.

In 1822 a drawing was published showing Santa driving a sleigh being pulled by 8 reindeer. Their names were Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen.

In 1849 a female companion was introduced. In 1889 she officially became Mrs. Claus.

In the late 1800's the first red Santa suit appeared and became the most popular color. Even though, in earlier years, he had worn many other colors such as green, blue, purple, and brown.

In 1912 the first known letter to Santa was written. To date there has been billions of letters written. In this computer era most people just send him an E-Mail. If you would like to write Santa a letter the old fashioned way you can mail it with the United States Postal Service. They will even accept it without postage.

In 1913 the modern image of Santa came when Coca-Cola circulated a huge advertisement campaign that showed Santa in a Red Suit with white collars and cuffs, black boots and belt, and wearing glasses.

In 1934 the story book "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" circulated. This is when the Naughty and Nice List came on the scene. It was said Naughty Children got coal. Nice Children got Gifts.

In 1939 Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer was introduced. Story has it that his nose would blink like a blinking beacon and could be seen through the thickest fog. When he used his red nose to save Christmas he became the most famous Reindeer of all.

In 1958 the UNITED STATES and Canada created the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD). This was brought about because people and organizations wanted to find a way to track Santa's World Travels. Today NORAD is the Official World Wide tracker of Santa.

Santa has many names around the world. He goes by St. Nicholas, Sinter Klaas, Kris Kringle, Father Christmas, and St. Nick. But of course the most famous name known by all is Santa Claus.

No one knows for sure where Santa lives. Some people say he lives at the North Pole. All Northern Countries say he lives there. But it is a known fact that no matter where he lives, He lives in the hearts of millions.

This year Santa will be 1,742 years old and his tradition will stand the test of time. His suit and transportation may change through the years but his joy of giving will last forever. So when you see Santa give him a hug, or a kiss on the cheek, a thumbs up, or a high five. This is just to let him know you're keeping the Santa tradition alive.

*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas
and
a Happy New Year.*



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

United Riders would like to Welcome our newest members to the family.

~ Greg & Cathy Wilson ~



~Mike Moorhead (aka Irish Mike)

~ Dan & Shelley Sitko ~



Welcome new family member! We look forward to making memories with you! ~United Riders Riding Club

A Day Of Great Riding and Helping a Cause by Rose and Lloyd

The season is on us where there are all kinds of charities and people in need. The bikes come out in numbers and always help out the cause.

Sat. Nov. 10th United Riders Riding Club spent the whole day in making our community better and our riders safer.

United Riders is a group of friends and family who enjoy riding and the time spent making memories with the group. We care about the community and the needs therein trying to help make a difference in a positive way. I am sure many of you have seen us at different events. Our one goal is to have a safe and good ride each time we get on our bike.

We started out the day with Parking Lot Practice At Creekside Park in Archdale. We get together and we go over road signs, hand signals, caution signs that we use to keep us and any group around us safe. It is a lot of fun, cause we are not on the bikes we are standing in formation and doing different situations of what ifs, and how to react. It is informative, and we all enjoy the socialization. If you've seen us ride it just looks down right pretty, and very professional.

After practice then we took a short ride to test out what we had learned. Doing some highway and back street riding. Then as every time two or more of the group gets together we have to go somewhere and eat.

After lunch we went back to Creekside and joined some people in cages. Then our journey and cause for the day really began.

There was approximately 16 bikes and some riders and two cages. We went to United Methodist Church on Ward St. in High Point. This is the Ward St Mission. We took two truck loads of toys and coats to donate to the Mission. We even had Santa for all the children to enjoy.



The Ward St. Mission toy drive is arranged by Becky Cannon, They work through the church to try and enable that every child in the low income part of town gets a Christmas. They try to make Christmas special for an average of 600 children.

It was such a rewarding day to spend time with friends and then to see the looks of these children and people as we loaded them with toys. They will take slightly used toys and clothes any donations, so if you have anything Please contact Becky at 336-848-5498.

If you love to ride and you want to ride with a group of good people that are really like family, Please visit our web site www.unitedriders.us. We are growing strong and working hard to make our community a better place, and have the thrill of the ride in the process.

Look for us out there, We will be in all of the upcoming rides. Toys for Tots, Mills Home, Brenner's Children's Hospital, Horizon, Arzie Rodgers Memorial Toy Ride. So come join with us and many other bikers at this season when so many need our help to make some child's Christmas special.

My Last words as Safety Officer *by Clay Morgan*

Hello my brothers and sisters,

This will be my swan song; I would like to thank my peers that let me be the Safety officer for these few months and voted me in to be the new Road captain for the up coming year, I will do my best to fill a spot that was our now president filled not too long ago. I will be confiding in him to help me in some places so that I can best serve you guys, I will do my best I promise .

I would like to welcome Barry as the new Safety Officer starting in Jan. I know he will do a great job.

My last words as safety officer is we still need to work on our lane changing, signals, and staying a little tighter while riding in the town and cities.

We looked great Sunday in the Mills Children's Home ride with all the crazy people around us. I still get a great sense of pride when I see all the United Rider patches around on the rides that we do whether I'm there our not, the representation that each and every-one of you show and display to all that sees the UR patch is getting us well known and respected, To all you prospects thank you very much for wanting to be apart of our growing family. This is what it's all about.

I would thank our God above he choose not to take our sister BK from us because we are not done with her yet. Love you my sister.

(Clay out)



DECEMBER 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6th Annual Toys for Tots Poker Run -
2 26th Annual Mills Home Toy Run	3	4	5	6	7 Alan Hethcox Birthday	8 15th Annual Brenner Children's Hospital Toy Run
9	10	11	12	13 Open Meeting Eat @ 6:00pm Mtg starts @ 7:00pm ** BK Gaither Birthday ** Erik Grey Birthday	14 Tyler Null Birthday	15 UR Christmas Party Kim & Delberts House 6pm til ???
16	17	18	19	20 Charlene Hobbs Birthday	21	22
23	24	25  <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29
30	31 Joann Proctor Birthday	January 1st <i>Happy New Year!!</i>				

JANUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year!	2	3 UR~Business Mtg ~ 7pm	4	5
6	7 Delbert Hinshaw Birthday	8	9	10 UR ~ Open Mtg ~ 6pm to eat, mtg starts @ 7pm	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Ricky Cline Birthday	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22	23	24 Lloyd Luquer Birthday	25	26
27	28	29 Joey Steele Birthday	30	31		



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Announcements



If you see the following family members,
wish them a

**** Happy Birthday ****



Alan Hethcox ~ December 7th
BK Gaither ~ December 13th
Erik Gray ~ December 13th
Tyler Null ~ December 14th
Charlene Hobbs ~ December 20th
Joanne Proctor ~ December 31st