



The Baffle

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- One new member added to the UR Family
- Check out the February and March event calendars
- Take a trip to see Black-beard
- Look inside for tax tips from our Treasurer

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Down Time

Hello UR Brothers and Sisters! Well.....I would like to welcome our newest member, Erik, to our family!

We don't have much going on in the way of rides this month but let's not forget the activities we have listed. The Sweetheart Dinner is always a great time, please try to make it, you will have a wonderful time. Also please print up some Brunswick stew flyers and get them distributed so we can spread the word and sale out again! Don't forget our next dinner ride on the 22nd. Kim and Delbert are leading the way on 2 or 4 wheels.

Please plan on attending the Parking Lot Practice on March 4th. This is always a good refresher course in group riding, plus it answers a lot of questions you may have about the way we ride in a group.

We will be kicking off the riding season on our Spring Ride on March the 25th. Looking ahead we have our Easter egg hunt set for April the 7th, and will plan on attending the

Thomasville Squad ride on April the 28th. Brent is hosting his Relay for Life ride again this year on May the 5th. We will plan on giving him some assistance again.

Some of us kept riding this year as if Winter never happened, even though it has been a very mild one, some of us didn't. Even though this is considered "down-time" for the riding, we still have lots going on. We need to meet-up and enjoy each other's company as often as we can, with or without our bikes. As Always..... Love your family, laugh with your friends, and enjoy the ride!

David Hess
President – United Riders



Welcome New Member

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



Erik Gray resides in Kernersville and rides a Harley-Davidson.

“One new member has been added to the United Riders family.”

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

~United Riders Riding Club

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.

For all of your sign needs please contact



P.O. Box 4879 Archdale, NC 27263
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www.signageindustries.com

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

From the Web: Did You Know?



Did you know that the United Riders website has a Links page? You can check it out at www.unitedriders.us On our Links page, you can visit anything from the Full Throttle Magazine website to some great websites for parts and accessories for your bike. You can check out some of the places we have visited in the past on rides or visit the website of some of the rallies you want to ride to in 2012. My favorite link this month is the Harley-Davidson History link. This is a very interesting link that shows the timeline of Harley-Davidson, beginning from its start in 1903 until today, in 2012. If you enjoy a little history, check it out and find out how your ride came to be.

Lanée Kirby
Webmaster

Treasurer's Corner

It's already February and almost time to file taxes - if you haven't already. But maybe you should be thinking of next year. Did you know that all of these charity rides are not only fun but tax deductible? Whenever we go on a ride, make sure you get a copy of their flyer. It will have all the information you will need for taxes - who, what, when where. Just write your beginning mileage and ending mileage on the sheet - you can get credit for the mileage, too! and you can also detail on the flier how much you spent on the entry fee - and don't forget the 50/50, any lottery and even your t-shirt purchase. Believe me, it adds up. I don't know about you, but I am ready to ride!

Joey Steele
Treasurer



Destination: Blackbeard

Blackbeard's real name is not known. He went by an alias of Edward Teach or Thatch. Blackbeard was his most common nickname. It is believed he was born in Bristol, England and came to the Caribbean serving as a privateer in Queen Anne's War. He was killed in combat November 22, 1718, near Ocracoke Island, North Carolina. He is considered one of history's most famous pirates, who became an imposing figure in American folklore and is still well-known by his nickname Blackbeard.

Blackbeard, like many pirates began his career as a privateer for the British during Queen Anne's War (also called the War of the Spanish Succession 1701-13), His first reported act as a pirate was late in 1716. The following year he converted a captured French merchantman into a 40-gun warship, "Queen Anne's Revenge," and soon became notorious for outrages along the Virginia and Carolina coasts and in the Caribbean Sea.

Blackbeard was an imposing site. He stood well over six feet tall and was as strong and as big as an ox. He was known to be brave and by today's standard was psychotic. It is said that he one time shot his own first mate just so that people would remember how mean



he could be. He was also armed with several pistols, knives, and his cutlass.

In battle he would often put matches under his hat or braided into his beard so that it would appear that his head was on fire. Despite the Articles of Piracy that are often discussed, Blackbeard was a fearsome pirate captain who had absolute rule over his ship. However, he was also quite successful at his trade, so his crew accepted his behavior.

It is rumored that he had as many as fourteen wives which was probably true. Rumors also mention that he murdered them all which probably is not true. It is more likely he just left them when he grew tired of them and married someone else. (Recycled them I guess)

In 1718 he established his base in a North Carolina inlet, forcibly collected tolls from shipping in Pamlico Sound, and made a prize-sharing agreement with Charles Eden, governor of the North Carolina colony. At the request of Carolina planters, the lieutenant governor of Virginia, Alexander Spotswood, dispatched a British naval force under Lt. Robert Maynard, who, after a hard fight, succeeded in killing Blackbeard.

The pirate's body was decapitated, and his head was affixed to the end of the bowsprit of his ship.

Apart from the luxuriant Blackbeard which earned him his nickname, the most prominent aspect of the Blackbeard legend is his great buried treasure, which has never been found and probably never existed.

On a side note. It is said that Blackbeard was



stabbed at least twenty times and shot as many as five times while fighting with Maynard. As the story goes, the two fought in hand to hand combat for as much as forty minutes before Blackbeard finally collapsed due to loss of blood.

It is also claimed that at one time he kept eleven of the most prominent citizens of Charleston as hostage for several days until the city finally paid his ransom demand. His demand? It was a demand for medicine and nothing more. It seems pirates tend to die faster from VD than fighting.

Blackbeard remains one of North Carolina's "greatest tales" still today. His restored home can be visited in Beaufort, NC.

Most of the stories have been stretched to the point that the true facts are hard to separate from the fiction, but it's an interesting story to say the least.

So, jump on your own "Queen Ann" and head down to the coast, visit the home of Blackbeard, and when the little old lady sitting beside you at the traffic light locks her door.....just give her a "big, bad, biker look".....maybe she will have a few "stretched stories" of her own to share with someone.

David Hess
President

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Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at Bill's Pizza on January 12, 2012 with 30 members present.

TOPICS	ACTIONS
Birthdays	<i>Delbert Hinshaw, Ladonna Buck, Joey Steele, Lloyd Luquer,</i>
Joey Steele Treasurer report and actions	<i>Bought card and flowers for Angie Small sent around so everyone could sign.</i>
New members first of 2012	<i>Welcome to the family Barry and BK Gaither, Ernie Brown, Elizabeth King.</i>
Newsletter	<i>Should we sell? If you have articles you would like to write, send to Arizona Bunce</i>
Website	<i>Can view minutes in secure area in website</i>
Rides	<i>Discussed rides which are located in website</i>
Wheelin for the Homeless	<i>Will be moving sooner in Spring due to having more participation since there are more rides in the summer/fall</i>
Kalebs Ride	<i>Rose Crutchfield said she wanted David to be our spokesperson as our leader.</i>
Photos	<i>Send photos to Photobucket instead of Snapfish. Easier for webmaster to take pictures for website.</i>
Tax time	<i>Crissy Wiseman offered to give advice because she has tax experience.</i>
Topics for next business meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Fundraisers -More involvement with DK cycles, cabinet with pictures in store -Get involved with other groups to show and receive support -Appoint assistant road captains which will involve a test - Some meetings possibly on weekends
Major events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Daytona March 9-18 -Outer Banks April 19-29 -Myrtle Beach May 10-19 -Labor Day is Dragon weekend
Wanting to ride with others	<i>Post on members page on Facebook</i>
Closing comments and info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rose and Lloyd have DVDs for sale for \$15 -Can order as many patches as you want -Crissy said that all charity rides can be a tax write off -Will have parking lot practice to show hand signs and group riding techniques

~Jeff Kirby
Secretary



Doggie Tails



Hi guys. It's me again – Little Man. I hope everyone has had a better start to the new year. I'm really sad – I lost my best friend, Cujo. I'm not sure what happened but Cujo went somewhere with Mom and never came back. Mom and Dad cried a lot and I'm just plain lost without him. You know what would make me feel better? A nice long bike ride and CORN DOGS!!!WOOF!

~Little Man
Club Mascot

Lady Rider News: Five Tips on How to Lead a More Adventurous Life

Humans are, by nature, explorers. We like to see stuff. We like to go places. Adventure is in our blood. But, as we get older, our sense of adventure gets muted by jobs, family, and other responsibilities that we all face as adults. Too many things pull us in too many different ways. And, that's a shame. Before you know it, you're looking back over the years of your life and counting your most exciting memories on one hand. Everything else simply blurs into a time span of nothing more than existence.

We all started out as the greatest of adventurers - as children. Everything was new, all we wanted to do was explore. It didn't matter if it was the woods in the back, or that cupboard that mom locked up and won't let us into. For those of you with kids, you know what I'm talking about. Remember when they first started to crawl? They went and looked at everything, and everything was exciting. You couldn't get them to sit still no matter what. Then, we got older and we were taught it was *necessary* to plan. Make sure you have every "I" dotted and "t" crossed. Otherwise, bad things will happen, you won't finish school, you won't get a job... and the flame of adventure got a little weaker. Then, we got even a little older (yes, it does happen), and we were taught it was *critical* to plan. Plan for retirement, plan for the kids, plan for your next vacation. Otherwise, bad things will happen, you won't retire, your vacation will be boring... and the flame of adventure got a little weaker still. You get the picture.

Life isn't about being safe and comfortable - it's about living, being adventuresome, getting out of our comfort zones. It's about being a kid again. If you've ever had a bit of wanderlust, or sat in your cubicle and daydreamed of a different life, or experienced mid-life crises, you know what I'm talking about. Those events are just our mind rebelling against the flame of adventure getting weaker in our soul. It's our subconscious telling us that the path of comfort and safety in our life isn't always the best thing. But, rekindling that sense of adventure just doesn't happen with the purchase of a motorcycle, much less a purchase of anything. So, here are five tips on how to become a better adventurer:

1. **Plan less.** I'm not knocking planning, it's usually necessary. But don't try to figure out everything beforehand. Pick one or two destinations, versus a whole weekend of hour by hour activities. Pick one or two cool roads and routes that you want to try, instead of every mile of the trip. Make sure you have more unplanned time than planned time. The worst that's going to happen? You might get a little bored. The best? Well, the possibilities are endless and damn exciting.
2. **Take little steps.** An adventure doesn't have to be a weeklong trip, a weekend trip, or even a day trip. Adventure and time aren't related. Ride your bike to work one day. Pick up groceries with your motorcycle (this has the extra benefit of saving

money!). The point is you don't need a big span of time. Simply try to change your framework of thinking from "I'm going to have an adventure or explore something new," to "how I can try something different today versus what I always do."

3. **Get Lost.** People seem to have an intense fear of getting lost. I'm not sure why. What's the fear based on? That they'll run out of gas? Be embarrassed about having to ask how to get home? That the road will run out? Who knows. But, here's a fact: sometimes the best way to find something is to get lost. So, the next time you find yourself wondering what's down that little road you just passed, turn around and find out.
4. **Share it with other people.** To me, an important part of my personal life is to make memories. And, the best way to make memories is with others. Not only do you end up having someone that you can laugh about the experience with, but you inspire a sense of adventure in others.
5. **Get uncomfortable.** I thought about making this one "Don't Worry So Much", but the key is to make yourself uncomfortable, and worrying is part of being uncomfortable. So, actually, I want you to worry, because that's a sign you're getting out of your comfort zone. I don't know why, but our society has become a society of maximizing comfort and minimizing worry. I'm not so sure that's a good thing. If you haven't bought that motorcycle because you're worried you might get hurt, do it anyway. If you don't like it, you can always sell it.

That's it. Try just one of these and I guarantee you'll feel a little stir in your soul. These tips apply just as equally to riding motorcycles as they do to living life in general. I'll leave you with my all-time favorite poem, modified for the adventure seeking, motorcycle riding, explorer in us all:

Life should NOT be a journey to the grave
with the intention of arriving safely
in an attractive and well preserved motorcycle,
But rather to skid in sideways,
brake squeezed in one hand,
throttle twisted in the other,
gas tank on empty,
tires worn out and screaming
"WOO HOO what a ride!"

~Sheri Sandoval



A Celebration of the Life of



David E. Peterson 1939 - 2012

David E. Peterson went to be with the Lord on January 17th, 2012 at the age of 72 in Greensboro, NC. Born July 2nd, 1939 in Honolulu, HI to proud parents Viola and Rudolph Peterson, David relished his upbringing surrounded by the island beauty of Oahu. Throughout his life, an avid appreciation blossomed for any and all things Hawaiian, especially food, music & history. David was just a toddler when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7th, 1941. His father, a civil engineer at a power plant in the harbor, bore witness to the entire attack, sounding the first air raid alarm that fateful day. Since that time the "Day of Infamy" was a passionate subject for David in which he was well-versed. He loved the beaches near the Peterson home at Puu Kahea in Waianae, HI, and David and his friends were often found in the warm, Pacific waters sand-boarding, snorkeling or spear-fishing.

At the age of 18, he went to the mainland to attend LeTourneau College in Texas where he received a degree in Lithography. He applied his education and experience working in the newspaper and lithography industry, which would eventually

lead to owning his own printing business. He then moved to Encinitas, California where he met his beautiful wife Daisy Wolfenbarger at a local church and were married in June 1967. Eventually the lovebirds moved to Dallas, TX where David received a post-graduate degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. In 1972, he and Daisy settled in Greensboro, NC after receiving a sales position with David C. Cook Christian Publishing. There they attended Westover Church for many years.

In 1975, Daisy gave birth to their son, Kurt David Peterson, who bears a striking resemblance to his father. In 1984, David could no longer ignore the "ink in his blood" and opened his own offset printing business that he ran up until his death. David had many hobbies including photography, gourmet cooking, and one of David and Daisy's biggest passions--motorcycling around the country on BMW's, Hondas, and most recently Harley-Davidsons.

David was preceded in death by his mother and father, Viola and Rudolph Peterson, nephew David Rudolph Berry, aunt Jean Peterson Moore, and uncle Gordon I. Peterson. David is survived by his wife Daisy Peterson and son Kurt Peterson as well as two children Karen Francis and Gary Peterson by a previous marriage. He has two surviving sisters, Carol Peterson Berry and Karen Peterson Parnell. He leaves behind three grandchildren, Amanda Druckrey, David Francis, Sophia Peterson and one unborn grandson who will carry on the Peterson name, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held 10am, Saturday, January 21st, 2012 at Adams Farm Community Church, 5113 Mackay Road in Jamestown with Pastor John Kimmins. Aloha attire suggested. The family will hold a small reception with close friends and family at Well-Spring Retirement Community, 4100 Well Spring Road in Greensboro. Flowers will be received at the church between 9 and 9:30 am. Memorials may be made to Ministry America at P.O. Box 705, Charlotte, NC 28241. Forbis and Dick Guilford Chapel is serving the Peterson family and online condolences may be offered at www.forbisanddick.com

Chasing the Sun



January, winter. Riding season is gone, except on those few exceptional days we get where you can suit up and meet some friends and chase the sun.

We were lucky to have a nice day in the 60's on Jan.7. Put on the long johns, chaps and met some great friends from United Riders Riding Club at DK's cycle at about 12 noon. The weather was just nice enough to enjoy a beautiful ride through the country. A great route if you have never taken it , with lots of great scenery.



We left Dk's and headed to Hillsville and got on Hoover Hill Rd. to Hwy 64, We took a back road through Jackson Creek called Cid rd. to 109, proceeded to 49 and into Albemarle. At Albemarle we had a great lunch at a nice place, and very biker friendly call Harmanco's. It was so beautiful we were able to sit on patio. Great lunch and socializing and the weather was so nice.



After lunch we headed to Morrow Mountain, always a great ride. There were bikes everywhere, with everyone not knowing when another beautiful day would come. If you have never been to Morrow Mountain it is a definite ride you should take, amazing to see a mountain just in the middle of the country. It is right out side the city of Badin. The scenic route takes you across Badin Lake a couple times and into a small town called New London.



There are always other bikers there and a good place to meet new people and talk bike talk. You know what I mean, love those pipes, have you taken baffles out, where you get your bike, how many miles you got. All that biker talk.

We ride all year long have a 2007 Heritage Softail with over 54,000 miles, but we definitely like the warmer days better. Hate the days we have to keep the bike in and pray for sunshine.

This time of year it is usually short trips with friends, but definitely still worth getting suited up and getting out there for a few hours and chasing the sun.

~Rose Crutchfield & Lloyd Luquer



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FEBRUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 United Riders Business Meeting	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Open Mem- ber Meeting - Bill's Pizza Eat @ 6:00 PM Meet @ 7:00 PM	10	11 UR Sweet- heart Dinner 7:00- 9:00 @ Peppermill Cafe
12	13	14 VALEN- TINE'S DAY	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Kim & Del- bert's Dinner Ride - Meet @ DK Cycles at 7:00 PM	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

MARCH 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 United Riders Business Meeting	2	3 UR Bruns- wick Stew @ DK Cycles 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
4 Parking Lot Practice - Meet at RCC Archdale @ 12:00 PM	5	6	7	8 Open Mem- ber Meeting - Bill's Pizza Eat @ 6:00 PM Meet @ 7:00 PM	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Spring Ride - Meet at DK Cycles @ 10:00 AM	26	27	28	29	30	31



United Riders Riding Club

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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:

Randale Small ~ February 2nd
Donnie Proctor ~ February 8th
Will Hess ~ February 9th
Kim Hinshaw ~ February 12th
David Hess ~ February 17th



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