



The Baffle

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Check out the April and May event calendars
- Take a trip to Hellbender - 28
- Check out our Classifieds section
- Vietnam Vets welcomed home

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Family

Hello UR Brothers and Sisters! Family is our number one priority. We have our Riding Club family and our personal family. No matter what we do, our family has to come first.

We had our 2nd annual Easter egg hunt, for our family last week. It was great, the Easter Bunny even stopped in for a few minutes to say hello and help kick off the hunt.

Our brother Brent was involved in an accident and he is very lucky to be with us. Our prayers and support were a big help to him. Being there for our brother in this type of situation is the most important thing we can do. He will need more for a few more weeks.

Sometimes we forget that family comes first. Putting your family first could mean a lot of things. It could be because you need to work over-time, or week-ends. It could be going to a play or school meeting. It could be spending some quality time with them after a long week or two at work. Anyway, putting your family first could mean

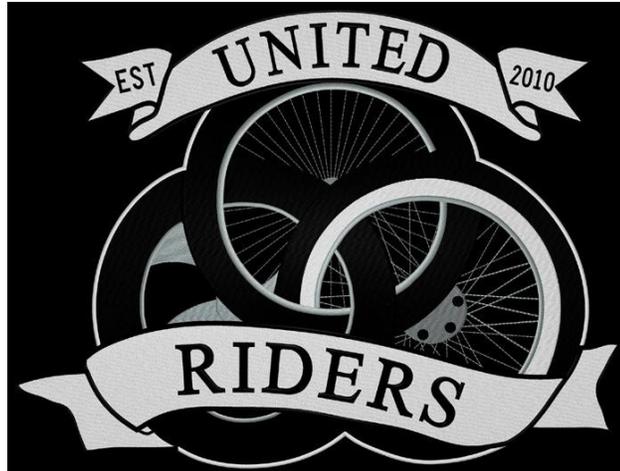
lots of things. Any of these things could cause you to miss out on some things with the club, like rides, events, meetings, or even sometimes performing your duties.

So, what we (the club) needs to do is remember that if a brother or sister don't make a meeting, don't make a ride, or whatever, they may be doing something with or for their family. We have to promote that, not discourage it.

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

David Hess
President – United Riders





Classifieds

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Welcome Home Vietnam Vets

Saturday, March 31, a Welcome Home Celebration was held for Vietnam Vets. The event was sponsored by the USO and North Carolina Association of Broadcasters in conjunction with Charlotte Motor Speedway. I was among the approximately 70,000 people that attended. I have rode in many charities and other events and will take nothing away from how good it feels to help, but nothing has touched by heart as much as this event. To walk among these men and women that served our country and see the joy and pride on their faces and hear their stories was an experience you can only experience once in a lifetime. The families of the soldiers that were lost in this battle were filled with so much gratitude to see their loved ones finally honored, and receive the respect they deserved.

The Vietnam Memorial Wall was brought to the speedway from Washington and for many this was their first time and probably only time they were able to see their family members or comrades names in this honor.

For those of you that are too young to remember the Vietnam War, which ended in 1973, but all soldiers were not back home until 1975. There were more than 216,000 North Carolinians that fought for our country. Some 1600 gave their lives. This was a period of history when the draft was still in effect. Many believed the United States should not have been involved. They thought these soldiers were mostly drafted, but in reality 2/3 that served volunteered.

There was a lot of anti-war protest and a lot of unrest in United States. These soldiers would return home to be treated viciously. They were spit on and called baby killers and some even attacked. Every soldier fighting for his country should be treated with respect and dignity. They are all doing a job to protect our freedom.

Saturday that attitude had changed, and North Carolina being the first state to recognize these Vets celebrated their place in history and honored them for what they did for our country. Approximately 4000 bikers, such as Rolling Thunder, Patriot Guard Riders, Unknown Soldiers, Combat Vets Association, Nam Knights, Combat Vets of NC, ALR, United Riders, and many individuals rode into the Charlotte Motor Speedway for the celebration of a life time, and showed their honor and pride in these Vets.

The Master of Ceremonies for the event was Radio and TV entertainer Rick Dees. There was exceptional entertainment by The 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band, and the 82 Airborne Division "All American Chorus". There was music provided by Rockie Lyn, George Clinton, and The Charlie Daniels Band. There were many speakers from different divisions of the military. The Golden Knights did a wonderful sky diving show, and then a fly over of F15 fighters

The ride for many started that morning around 5 a.m. in rain, but even the rain could not hold back the excitement of what turned out to be a beautiful day. Beautiful not just in weather but in the hearts of the thousands of people that participated. Meeting and talking to these people that protected our freedom and after over 35 years finally getting the reorganization and respect they deserved.

I am so honored to have been a part of this event and will carry the memory of the smiles and joy in the faces, and the many stories in my heart forever.

By Rose and Lloyd



Destination: Hellbender - 28

We all love curvy mountain roads, riding with our family and friends, and eating great food along the way. Some of our favorite spots to accomplish this are the Tail of the Dragon and the Blue Ridge Parkway. But..... I've got a new one for you, let me tell you!!!!!!

The Hellbender runs from US-129, at the Tail of the Dragon store (where the Tree of Shame is located) to Walhalla, SC (after that it is just plain old US-28).

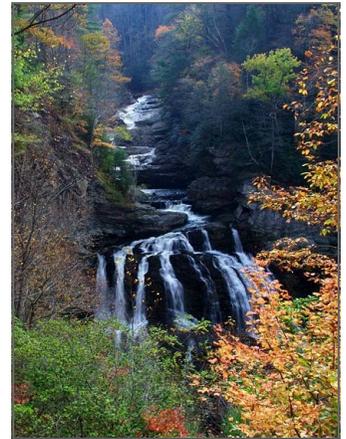
Now there are a bunch of great things to say about this stretch of road thru the heart of God's country, but the most dominate feature has got to be the amazingly beautiful waterfalls. And the most outstanding one is Bridal



Veil Falls. Now I may have spoiled it for some of you (and I'm sure some of you already knew about them), because when you are riding the curves and being amazed at how sweet it is to watch a string of Harleys zip around them in perfect harmony, then BAM!!! Here you are face-to-face with a 120 foot tall waterfall coming down right in front of you (without any warning) and going right thru the center of the road.....It just takes your breath away. So, you may lose a little by me opening my big mouth, but I promise you will still be absolutely amazed. Of course, you have to stop and spend 30 minutes feeling like you are the first humans that discovered it! Now you can also ride your bike behind the water and listen to the wonderful sound of the water pouring off of the rocks (if you shut your bike off, of course).

Now there are several other great falls in the area as well. One is the Dry Falls. It is a 75

foot tall fall that you can walk behind. There is also Whitewater Falls, which falls over 400 feet, Silver Run Falls, a thirty foot drop into a lake, and Cullasaja Falls which flows gradually down over 250 feet and will freeze over in the winter.



Now the entire stretch of road known as the Hellbender is a mere 105 miles long, and your average speed will be around 25 mph, so it will take 4.5 hours, not counting eating (very important) or playing in the water at Bridal Veil Falls (also very important). So the next time you head for the hills on your memory machine please allow time for this wonderful stretch of curve after glorious curve. I promise you

*“..... It just takes
your breath away”*

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at Bill's Pizza on March 8, 2012.

TOPICS	ACTIONS
Open Meeting	Angie opened meeting with prayer (Welcome back Angie)
Birthdays	Arizona Bunce, Carl Tucker, Crissy Wiseman, and Christa Hiatt
Treasury Report	Have \$1800.00 in account. Joey is looking into having the taxes prepared. May not need to file.
Wheelin for the Homeless	Venue decision - Cox's HD won 12-5. Next planning meeting TBD.
Membership Renewal	Must be done by April 12
Upcoming Rides	Spring ride, Angela's ride, Easter egg hunt, Doughnut ride (Leave DK's at 7:30 AM and meet Brent at intersection of 421 and 64), Outer Banks, Squad ride (check out calendar on site for dates)
New Items Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving meeting place (Have 1 or 2 on weekend with ride) • Golf tournament • Raffle • Cookbook • Candy bar sale • Place display at DK's - Randy and Sergio will build • Try adopt a highway program • Work on building a relationship with some other clubs
Member Announcements	Crissy's grandmother given 3 days to 3 weeks. Family has called in Hospice.

~Jeff Kirby
Secretary



Biker Family Mourns the Loss of Hero and Icon

February 27, 2012 the biker family lost a hero and icon to us all. Rich Brenner former Fox 8 Sports anchor died of a heart attack. Ironically he died while attending the American Red Cross's second annual "Salute to Heroes" event at the Carolina Theater in Greensboro.

Rich covered everything from NASCAR and the Panthers to the ACC and high school sports. He had retired from FOX8 in April 2008. His network family remembers him as a mentor to all, always taking time to help and to teach in any way he could. The Biker family remembers him as the man involved in so many charities. He was presently working on a War Memorial Foundation. Serving as a Marine and

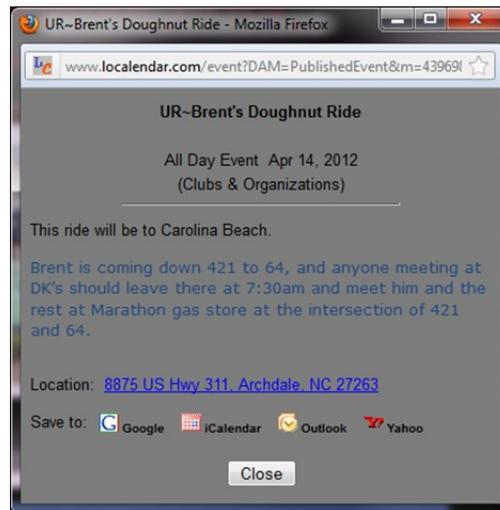
then as a correspondent in Vietnam he never forgot the sacrifices of being in the military. He was very involved in Victory Junction and Operation Smile, Brenner's Children's Hospital, and many other charities. He was seen on many charity rides, and participated in many events to help the community be a better place. I, as I am sure many of you have been on rides with Rich and I had the opportunity to be friends with him. He was an outstanding man with the biggest heart, willing to give of his time and energy for any cause. The night before his passing he and I had talked and he was going to help me with Kaleb's ride in October. He was going to ride with the group and MC the ceremonies at Horizon House. He was a man



From the Web: Did You Know?

Did you know that if you have a gmail, yahoo or outlook email account and use the calendar feature that they offer, you can save our calendar events and rides automatically to your calendar. Just go to our calendar at <http://www.unitedriders.us/calendar.html> and click on any of our events. This will show you the details of that event. At the bottom there are links for Google, iCalendar, Outlook and Yahoo which when you click on one will prompt you for your login to open your account so it can be copied to your calendar.

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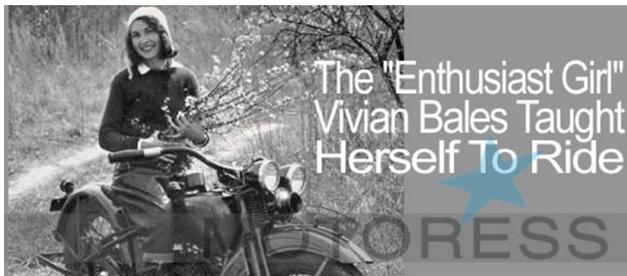


UR Sweetheart Dinner

The annual United Riders Sweetheart Dinner was held at Peppermill Café in High Point on February 11th. We had 11 couples in attendance and had a great time! We would like to congratulate the following prize winners: Michelle and Brent ~ Valentine Bingo, Jack and Joey ~ Couple's Handkerchief Game, Beth and Ernie ~ M&M's Guessing Game, and Jack and Joey ~ Longest Married Couple. Thank you to all who came out and enjoyed a night of fun and games!



Lady Rider News: History



The "Enthusiast Girl" was a young, female motorcycle rider who appeared on the cover of the Harley-Davidson Enthusiast magazine. She was featured in the November and December 1929 issues of the Enthusiast. Arthur Davidson called her "The Georgia Peach." And newspapers across the country hailed the "Enthusiast Girl." Yet today, few people know who Vivian Bales was. Harley-Davidson, however, will always be grateful to her for the goodwill she spread on her cross-country motorcycle trip - a trip that would make her one of the first great women riders.

Early Enthusiast editor Hap Jameson had a special trophy made for "The Enthusiast Girl" Vivian Bales to congratulate her on completing a 5,000-mile tour.

Her name is Vivian Bales born in January 1909. Shortly after, her family moved from Florida to Albany, Ga. Soon after her high school graduation in 1926, she began teaching dance, which gave her more pocket money than she had ever had. This extra money lit a spark in her - why continue to travel on her horse when she could cover more territory on a now-affordable motorcycle? For her the answer was obvious, and in 1926 she purchased a Model B single, her first Harley-Davidson motorcycle!

Bales quickly taught herself to ride, in spite of the fact that she was only 5'2" and 95 pounds, and unable to kick-start the bike on her own. Still, she soon made her first "big trip" with her best friend Josephine Johnson to St. Petersburg, Fla., a distance of well over 300 miles. The local Harley-Davidson dealer was fascinated by Bales' story and arranged for it to be featured in the St. Petersburg newspaper and eventually the Atlanta Journal.



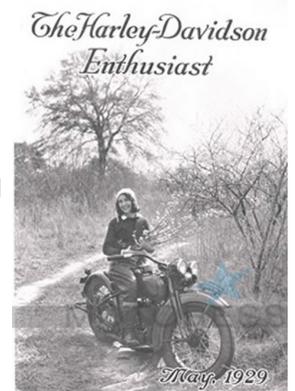
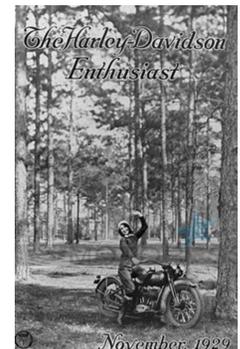
Inspired by her successful trip and eager for more adventure, Bales decided to trade in her Single for a 1929 45 Twin D model, which she described as a "real honey." Empowered by her new motorcycle, she wrote to Hap Jameson editor of the Enthusiast, telling him that she'd like to make a solo trip north on her bike. Although Harley-Davidson wouldn't officially sponsor the ride, they decided to call her "The Enthusiast Girl," and provided her with two sweaters that proclaimed this title.

Bales' famous ride took place in the summer of 1929 and was featured in many national publications, as well as the Enthusiast. In each of the towns she passed through, Bales would meet local dignitaries and Harley-Davidson dealers, most of whom would volunteer to support her on her ride. She even met President Hoover! In all, she travelled for 78 days and covered nearly 5,000 miles.

Following her famous ride, Bales continued motorcycling, performing stunt riding at motorcycle races in Tallahassee, Fla. Although she never purchased another motorcycle, Bales stated that her Harley-Davidson experience has remained one of the most significant of her life. It was so significant that before Vivian Bales Faison passed away on Dec. 23, 2001, three weeks shy of her ninety-third birthday; she requested a motorcycle procession at her funeral. Her request was carried out, and organized through Flint River Harley-Davidson of Albany.

For the Georgia Peach, this was a fitting final expression of the free spirit of all Harley-Davidson motorcycle riders.

Photographs courtesy of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company



~Article submitted by Sheri Sandoval

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Angela's Ride - Meet at DK Cycles @ 10:00 PM	2	3	4	5 United Riders Business Meeting	6	7 Easter Egg Hunt at Creekside Park 12:00PM - 3:00PM
8 EASTER	9	10	11	12 Open Mem- ber Meeting - Bill's Pizza Eat @ 6:00 PM Meet @ 7:00 PM	13	14 Brent's Doughnut Ride to Caro- lina Beach
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Brent's Pre- Ride for Relay for Life - Meet at DK Cycles @ 12:00
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Thomas- ville Squad Ride - Meet at DK Cycles @ 9:00 AM
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MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 United Riders Business Meeting	4	5 Brent's Re- lay for Life Ride 12:00 - 4:00
6 15th Annual Freedom Wall Memorial Ded- ication & Ride - Meet at DK Cycles @ 9:00	7	8	9	10 Open Mem- ber Meeting - Bill's Pizza Eat @ 6:00 PM Meet @ 7:00 PM	11	12 Jack & Jo- ey's Breakfast Ride - Meet at DK Cycles @ 8:00 AM
13 MOTHER'S DAY	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 MEMORIAL DAY	29	30	31		



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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:

Clay Morgan ~ April 2nd
Rose Crutchfield ~ April 4th
Doug Monroe ~ April 17th
Randy Small ~ April 21st



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