



# The Baffle

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- From the Interim President
- The fundraiser for David
- How much do you know about our website? Check out "Did you Know"
- Secretary's Notes
- Check out the July and August event calendars

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## WE NEED TO HAVE MORE.....

Isn't it great when things go the way you want them to? You wake up, breakfast is ready, coffee's poured and the day looks like a perfect day to ride a couple of hundred miles. Your boss even calls and says to take the rest of the week off, with pay, just for being such a good employ. You check the mail box and find that your local motorcycle shop has sent you a \$100.00 gift card. This is called dreaming! I know that the breakfast and coffee are possible but the rest is pretty hard to believe.

The last week has been very eventful for the United Riders. Things got a little out of control with issues dealing with the club. Even though the group has been around for a year and a half, we see that there is still a lot of work to be done. We are in a period of transition where all the members need to be involved in the decision making process. I believe that this needs to happen to ensure that the United Riders is fun for all its members. Because we love to ride, we need to ride more. Because we like to have fun, we need to have more. What I'm trying to say is that we need to have more fun riding.

As interim President I will do the best I can to make sure this transition happens as smooth as possible.

We are working to correct things in the by-laws to help make the club more self controlled. We want to bring stability to the business side of the United Riders so we'll have more money and everyone's input will be necessary for this to happen. Please keep in mind that a lot of clubs go through these changes in the early years of their existence which most of us never saw because we all joined years later after they had all the "Bugs" worked out. I ask that you bear with me and the United Riders as we make this transition together. Done the right way, we can become a stronger, better group. Remember that riding and having fun are two of the most important reasons we started and joined this club.

Thank You,

Delbert Hinshaw ~ President



# Doggie Tails



Hi guys,

It sure was good to see everyone at the picnic. Dad got to ride the bike but Mom made me ride in the car. I tried to sneak into the garage and wait for Dad but that didn't work to well. Mom can be a real pain sometimes!

It sure has been hot but I got to ride some anyway. Mom says to make the most of it because we may be grounded pretty soon. We went on a nice long ride up to Pilot Mountain and I even snuck into Dairie-O. Boy, that ice cream sure tasted good after the long hot ride. Maybe next time

Mom will spring for a corndog!! WOOF

## Secretary's Notes—By Jeff Kirby

Hello UR brothers and sisters.

The last week has seen many changes for the group. The main thing to think about is that we all need to move forward with a good attitude and embrace the group we have built and continue to build. One of the changes that will be made is the meetings will now be held by parliamentary procedure. By holding meetings with this process it will make our meetings more professional and will move more smoothly. Another benefit is that the meeting minutes will be easier to keep track of as well as more detailed. This will be a new way for us to run the meetings so it will take us some time to get into the swing but I feel this will work out great. We have to look at our meetings as the time for business and not socializing. We all have something to say so lets make sure everyone gets to speak and heard.



## ~ Lady Riders ~

### Women's Motorcycle Associations

Motorcycling brought a freedom to women that did not previously exist. The trailblazers were able to travel on their own and explore the country as they wished, earning renown as they did so and smoothing the way for future female motorcyclists. The goal of motorcycle associations, starting with Motor Maids, Inc, was to bring female motorcycle riders together. Robinson and Dugeau started the group to unite women riders and to promote interest in riding among women. Another women's motorcycle association, the Women's International Motorcycle Association, was started in 1958 with a similar goal. It aimed to connect women riders, whether they were experienced or beginner riders. Other groups, such as Sisters in Spirit, are designed to give women an opportunity to ride together. In an effort to show the positive effects of motorcycling, Sisters in Spirit participates in charity events in local areas. Women on Wheels, a group started in the 1980s, has a similar mission. Members strive to bring positive attention to women riders and to educate people on motorcycle safety. Leather and Lace, another group started in the 1980s, was first founded to promote women riders in a time when they were looked down on. The mission of Leather and Lace is to promote riding and to protect the welfare of children.

*By Sheri Sandoval - Editor*



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

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

Robin Berrier lives in the Thomasville area  
and rides her own.



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

## *United Riders Website ~ Did you know?*

Did you know that the United Riders website has a lot of useful information for our members? You can check it out at [www.unitedriders.us](http://www.unitedriders.us) and there has also been a "Members Only" section added to it as well.

The website homepage will quickly show you our next few upcoming events. Our Calendar will of course show you all of our planned events along with the details of each event. A lot of members depend solely of Facebook to see any new events but you may miss them when they are posted there. The website also has all of our club photos as well, you can check the photo area out to see some of our last events. I would love to hear everyone's suggestions for our website.

If you would like to see something added to it, please send me an email at [laneekirby@gmail.com](mailto:laneekirby@gmail.com) or you can click the "Feedback" button at the bottom of the Home page.

*Webmaster, Lanée Kirby*





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## “Rain” is a four-letter Word

One word that can raise the hackles on the neck of any rider is “rain.” Though no one goes out riding just because it’s raining, you do get stuck in the rain at times. What can you do to improve your riding in the rain?

The first things you can do are done well ahead of the first few drops of rain. Much as you hate to think about it, selecting and purchasing a rain suit is something that must be done. A rain suit should serve two purposes. First, it should keep you dry. Second, and equally important, it should increase your visibility. When your evasive maneuverability is reduced by lack of traction, you want to be sure other drivers see you.

Maintaining all your lights also helps you to be seen in the rain. Of course, you keep your lights clean, but have you checked all your lights lately to see if any have burned out? Do you carry any spares with you? Next time you take your bike in for service, why not restock any spare bulbs you might be missing? You should stock spare fuses as well.

The other important part that needs maintaining ahead of time is your tires. Have you looked at them lately? If any of the wear bands are showing, it’s time to replace the tire. One of the major causes of hydroplaning is worn tires. It’s too late to check them after the rain starts falling. The sole purpose of the tread design on a tire is to carry off the water, but it can’t do its job if you don’t allow it enough tread depth to work with.

Hydroplaning occurs when the tires are not in full contact with the road. They ride on a thin layer of water, and sometimes oil, on the road. Hydroplaning occurs frequently in light mist or drizzle. Proper tread depth and tire pressures, slowing down, and riding in the tracks of other vehicles all help reduce the chance of hydroplaning. The cessation of a slushing sound, or any decrease in steering or braking may indicate hydroplaning. If this happens, slow down without braking and avoid any sudden moves.

Plan alternate routes in case of rain. Scenic, twisty asphalt roads are a lot of fun when it’s dry. When the rain starts to pour, the scenery turns gray, the turns aren’t nearly as much fun, and the asphalt doesn’t provide the traction you really need. It’s time to look for an alternate route along a duller, but straighter, concrete road. Once it starts raining, there are still things you can do to increase your safety, if not your comfort. Pull off the road as soon as you find a place to get out of the rain. This gives you a dry place to put on your high-visibility rain suit, and more important, it puts you off the road during the most dangerous first fifteen minutes of rain. When the water first enters the pores of the road, it forces up the oil that has been collecting there. A few more minutes of rain will wash this oil off the road. Though the main danger of rain is hydroplaning, increasing your following distance, taking curves more slowly, and increasing your scanning distance all help your rain riding.

Riding in the rain may never be pleasant, but it can be safer.

*by Clay Morgan, Safety Officer*



# JULY 2012

| Sun  | Mon | Tue  | Wed                           | Thu  | Fri | Sat  |
|--|-----|--|-------------------------------|--|-----|--|
| 1<br>Beth King<br>Birthday   | 2   | 3  | 4                             | 5<br><b>United Riders<br/>Business<br/>Meeting</b>   | 6   | 7  |
| 8  | 9   | 10   | 11                            | 12<br><b>Open Member<br/>Meeting -<br/>Bill's Pizza<br/>Eat @ 6:00 PM<br/>Meet @ 7:00<br/>PM</b> | 13  | 14<br><br>9:30 am - 2:30 pm<br>Ladies Only Ride<br>@ GSO HD            |
| 15   | 16  | 17<br><br>6:30pm -8:30pm<br>UR~Delbert &<br>Kim's Dinner<br>Ride | 18<br>Deena Payne<br>Birthday | 19   | 20  | 21<br>Jack Steele<br>Birthday<br><br>8am<br>UR~Jacks Jug-<br>Town Café |
| 22<br><b>1:30pm<br/>Meet at DK's<br/>Flying Pig lunch<br/>ride</b> | 23  | 24   | 25                            | 26   | 27  | 28<br><br>9 am - 3 pm<br>UR~David Hess<br>Poker Run                    |
| 29   | 30  | 31   |                               |  |     |  |

# AUGUST 2012

| Sun  | Mon | Tue                           | Wed | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
|--|-----|-------------------------------|-----|--|---|--|
|  |     |                               | 1   | 2<br><b>United Riders<br/>Business<br/>Meeting</b>   | 3   | 4  |
| 5  | 6   | 7                             | 8   | 9<br>Odell<br>Pritchard<br>Birthday<br><b>Open Member<br/>Meeting -<br/>Bill's Pizza<br/>Eat @ 6:00 PM<br/>Meet @ 7:00</b> | 10  | 11<br><br>9:30 am - 2:30 pm<br>UR~4th Annual<br>Freedom Ride                 |
| 12   | 13  | 14                            | 15  | 16   | 17  | 18   |
| 19   | 20  | 21<br>Lanee Kirby<br>Birthday | 22  | 23   | 24<br>UR~Brent &<br>Michelle's<br>Tubing<br>Adventure | 25<br>Larry Buck<br>Birthday<br>UR~Brent &<br>Michelle's Tubing<br>Adventure |
| 26<br>UR~Brent &<br>Michelle's Tubing<br>Adventure | 27  | 28                            | 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

Beth King ~ July 1st  
Deena Payne ~ July 18th  
Jack Steele ~ July 21st



If you have items you would like to have posted in the Announcements section please contact  
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