



**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- From the President
- Save the Dates
- Nomination Info

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From Our President ~ Happy Birthday United Riders!

Wow, 5 years old and still going strong!

I hope everyone has enjoyed all the liquid sunshine we've been blessed with recently. Bring on the real sunshine I say.

This month we nominate for 2016 officers so if you want a position or know of someone who does, check the criteria and put their name on the ballot. UR is always looking for new ideas to grow the fun!

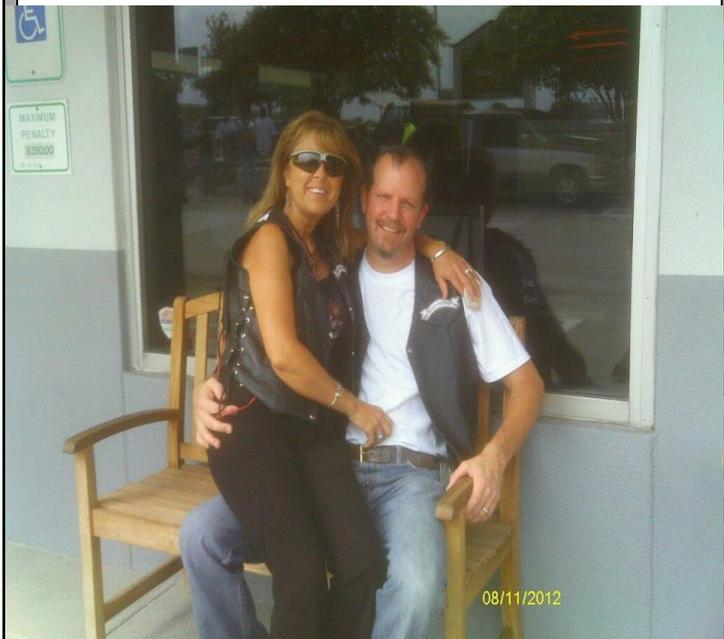
We also have our UR Birthday Party coming up this weekend, then "Our Annual Halloween party".

Sandra and Tony have again been gracious enough to open their house up to a bunch of UR ghosts & goblins. Bring a dish and join us for a hauntingly good time! For more fun events, please check out our website calen-

dar & Facebook events. We continue to strive to add different things & activities even during the winter months. So, until then practice good riding habits, use those hand signals.....

and as always

"Peace be the Journey!"



THE VP' S CORNER "Happy Birthday United Riders" *By Dale Jones*

The club is five years old this Saturday. It's hard to believe how time has flown by.

We joined the club three years ago, and have made many great new friends and lots of great memories. Thanks to all the founding members for having the foresight to create this club, and all the work they put in to keep it going.



I know it hasn't always been easy. I hope everyone comes to the club birthday party this Saturday night. I'm sure it will be lots of fun.

September was a great riding month. The club did their annual Labor Day trip. We rode in Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia. We did Back of the Dragon, The Devil's Triangle, Tail of the Dragon, and The Gauntlet. We covered a lot of ground, and I think we ended up going around 1100 miles. We had a large club turnout this year, I think we had seventeen members on this trip. A good time was had by all, and lots of new memories were made. We went to Gatlinburg a couple of weeks later with some friends. We got to ride some roads we haven't been on before, and of course do the Tail of the Dragon again. But, this time it was sunny and warm. Looking back over the last six months, there were lots of good trips and rides. There's still plenty of good riding days ahead. Please share the rides or destinations you would like to do. There's plenty of places to go and visit. So get ready.....the adventures, and the memories of them, are awaiting us!

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

I don't ride a bike To add days to my life;

I ride a bike To add life to my days!

Live Free ~ Ride Free

From Our Secretary, Sandy Batton - September 2015, Meeting

Meeting Minutes

- ◆ Delbert opened with a prayer
- ◆ Treasurers Report: \$1541.03 In bank
- ◆ Will be doing a \$50 donation to the Troy humane society in honor of Tony Batton's brother
- ◆ Shirt order was supposed to be done on that day but wasn't
- ◆ We are looking into renting a house for next labor day trip
- ◆ New guest is Rob Bracket and he rides a 2011 hd
- ◆ It was decided to donate the money original collected for Randale to Sandy for the food bank
- ◆ Kathy Blackburn discussed the Sew Busy Ladies and asked for physical donations
- ◆ Robin Pardella- updated the cruise news
- ◆ Sheri Sandoval discussed the veterans day parade on 11/8/15
- ◆ It was decided we would skip the holiday parade
- ◆ Delbert went over upcoming rides
- ◆ Sheri & Kathy talked about the iron butt ride
- ◆ Robin discussed the ride she planned – her name had been pulled last month
- ◆ The new name pulled for a ride this month is Erik Grey
- ◆ 50/50 was pulled and joey Steel won \$29.00



Recipe Thursday ~ Cheese Ball

- 8 oz Sharpe cheddar cheese
- 8 oz Cream cheese
- 2 Tbsp margarine
- 2 tsp grated onion
- 3 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp lemon juice

Mix all - Shape in ball. Roll in pecan pieces(crushed) and sprinkle with paprika

Enjoy and Peace On...
Kathy Blackburn

10 Motorcycle Safety Tips *by Sandy Batton*

1. **Wear A Helmet** Your mom's a smart lady -- you should listen to her. When she told you to always wear a helmet as a kid, she did so for a reason. Your cranium may have gotten a little thicker in the ensuing years, but no matter how dense it may be, it won't protect you against a solid crack against concrete. Brain damage is no fun, eating through a straw is hardly pleasant and trying to communicate with a damaged parietal cortex is no walk in the park. Don't be an idiot; wear a helmet. You may never need it, but when you do, you'll be glad you did.

2. **Wear Gloves** This one may seem innocuous, but just think about it for a second. Every time you fall, what's the first thing you do? You put your damned hands out. It's human instinct, and when you're flying off your handlebars at 50 miles an hour, all you have is human instinct. If you're wearing a pair of simple leather gloves in the case of a minor spill, you'll likely come away with a few scratches at worst. If you had on a proper set of gauntlets like these, I doubt you'd even break the skin.

3. **Wear Proper Boots** You may have grown up tooling around on your cousin's Vespa in nothing but a pair of sandals and swim trunks, but that doesn't mean you should continue doing so. Why wear solid over-the-ankle footwear? That old Vespa likely weighed at most 300 pounds -- take a Heritage Softail for a spin, and you're working with nearly 800 pounds of chromed-out metal. When you accidentally tip that bad boy over and experience that "oh, sh*t" moment and grunt like the Hulk to save your baby, the last thing you want is your foot slipping out or your ankle giving way. Good soles are essential, as is ample ankle support. A proper jacket and pair of pants are also essential. In the event of a real spill, only proper riding leathers will give you the protection you need. The last thing you want to be is a SQUID (Stupid Quick Underdressed and ImminentlyDead).

4. **Look Where You Want To Go** You go where you look -- it's just how it works. When you enter a corner, it's imperative that you turn your head and look through the turn to where you want to go. There's nothing like the sensation of entering a corner and all of a sudden realizing that you're not turning, you're just going straight toward the opposite lane of traffic. Then you realize you're staring at a goofy-looking rock on the far side of the road and the light bulb goes off, you turn your head, look out at the exit of the curve, give a little lean and you're in the clear.

5. **Never Use The Front Brake First** When a raccoon leaps out at you, a semi decides to change lanes or your exit pops up out of nowhere and it's time to hit the brakes and shed that speed, never hit the front brakes first. NEVER. You must train your instincts to always go for the rear brake first. If you grab the front break with any kind of enthusiasm at speed, you will eat it. This is not a question; it is a fact. Brake first with your foot, not your hand -- you'll be glad you did.

6. **Slow In Turning in, leaning down and powering out** -- there's nothing like it. And when you get in the flow and you're cutting apex after apex, you're going to want to kick things up a notch. You need to remember to keep things in line, though, and always brake before you enter a curve. Racing drivers preach the church of smoothness, and that means accelerating and decelerating in a straight line. Grabbing the brakes in the midst of a corner is liable to upset your weight distribution, mess with your traction and generally screw things up. The faster you're going, the more these effects are magnified. Go in too hot, grab the brakes in a panic and you'll realize that you would have been much happier if you had just downshifted and chilled a bit. Slow in, fast out -- leave the speed for your way out.

10 Motorcycle Safety Tips *by Sandy Batton Con't*

7. Watch Out For Sand And Debris A motorcycle has much less traction than a car, and when debris like sand and gravel get between you and the road, it can have very detrimental effects. To avoid getting screwed by the sandman, you should always be on the lookout for sand and gravel and avoid driving over it in the first place. This means avoiding the shoulder and being aware of things like construction sites. When riding in a group, it's important to help each other out and point out roadside hazards as they appear. Point out with your left hand for debris and obstacles when they're on your left and kick out your right foot to let your buddies know when there's a big patch of gravel on the right. When you do have to go over a patch of sand, the key is to keep it slow and smooth, avoiding abrupt throttle or brake inputs. You also want to try and keep your bike as upright as possible. Lose traction at a 50-degree angle and you're going to go down; lose traction while perpendicular to the ground and you should be able to roll right on.

8. Don't Drink This should really be a no-brainer, but never ride while intoxicated. Two beers can be as dangerous as six because riding requires making split-second decisions and reacting with precision and confidence. Alcohol not only slows your reaction time but gives you a false sense of confidence, making you more likely to try and squeeze through that disappearing gap or take on a corner way too hot. It's your responsibility to avoid collisions and maintain safe spacing while on the road. Doing so while stone sober is demanding enough as it is. Doing so while seeing double and burping up bubbles of booze -- nigh on impossible.

9. Act Like Nobody Has Mirrors The average commuter is off in his or her own little world, chatting away with their friends, dreaming of tomorrow's party or scanning the radio 'cause they need to twerk it like Miley. They are doing everything but looking out for motorcyclists, and this means you need to be constantly on your guard. A good rule is to act as if everyone around you has no mirrors and can only see straight ahead. This means you've got to avoid blind spots, maintain proper spacing and assume that everyone and anyone may unexpectedly change lanes at a moment's notice. This may sound like an imposing task, and it is, but with time it will become second nature.

10. Roll Into It The key to riding safely is keeping things smooth. Just as you never want to slam on the brakes, you never want to tear open the throttle. It's all about keeping the bike and yourself balanced. This applies as much to operating the machine as it does to approaching how and when you drive. Don't expect to drive cross-country a week into your license. Know your limits and be aware of how much and what kind of experience you have. You never stop learning, and every ride is an opportunity to refine and develop your skills. If you're just getting started, find a friend who rides and follow along. Watching how more experienced riders handle themselves is one of the best ways to learn and improve. If you're an experienced rider, don't be miffed by newbies asking advice -- you were once there, too. Every rider should take pride in ushering in new members to the club that is motorcycling -- just make sure they know these essential tips so they can have the time of their lives and keep on doing so for years to come.

Happy Birthday United Riders - 5 Years

United Riders Riding Club was formed in 2010 by this group of friends and family who enjoyed riding and the time spent making memories with each other as a group. We cared 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.



Save the date

October 2015 - 3 Big Events

October 10 ~ UR Birthday Party

Come Celebrate United Riders 5th Birthday.

Sheri & Sergio's House

Bring a small dish to pass and your favorite drink & play a few games...

Spirits, food & fun!! Hope to see you there!

7pm - ??

October 17th ~ All Harley Nitro Nationals

Rockingham Dragway

We will post more details about the meeting time soon.

We will be tailgating at this event.

We will be taking cars/trucks to this event to carry chairs, canopys, etc.

We will have a grill there so we can cook the food but you will need to bring your own food, beverages, coolers and chairs.

October 24th ~ UR ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY

Costume Event - Dress up & have some fun.

Best Pumpkin carving contest - Win a \$25 gift certificate

Sandy & Tony Battons House - 6PM

BBQ/buns and chicken will be provided by the club.

Bring a dish to pass & your drink of choice.

This is family Event

If you have a suggestion for a ride, event, or get together, Speak up & lets do it!

Save the date

November 2015

November 7th ~ Dales Birthday Party

Details to follow

November 8th ~ UR High Point Veterans Parade

Come join us & ride in the High Point Veterans Parade. Invite your friends to join us too. The more the merrier!!

Meet at Kagan's Furniture parking lot (1628 S Main St, High Point, NC 27260) at 12:30pm & we will all ride to the staging area together.

Lets show our support for our Veterans / Military - Fly those flags!!

November 14th ~ UR Helping the Homeless

Details to follow

November 21st ~ 29th Thanksgiving Week

If you want to go for a ride (weather permitting) post it

If you want to meet for breakfast, lunch or dinner, post it

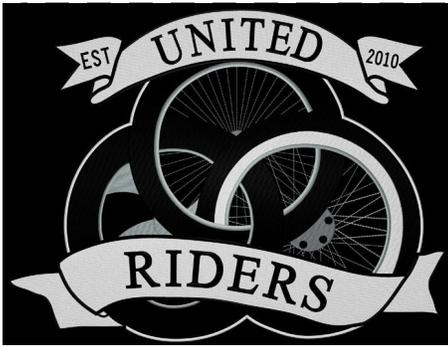
If you just want to hang out with your UR family, post it

OCTOBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Tony Pardella's Birthday	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 UR Open Meeting	9	10 UR Birthday Party Sheri & Serges House 7pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Rockingham Harley Drags
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 UR Annual Halloween Party Sandy & Tony Battons house 6PM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NOVEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Dales Jone's Birthday
8 UR High Point Veterans Parade 12:30PM	9 Sandy Batton's Birthday	10	11	12 UR Open Meeting	13	14 UR Helping the Homeless
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Dan Sitko's Birthday	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



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Visit us on the Web!
www.unitedriders.us



If you see the following family member,
wish them a



**** *Happy Birthday* ****

**Tony Pardella ~ October 1st
United Riders ~ October 10th**

United Riders Riding Club Officer Duties

President: Responsible for all matters concerning relations with the group and any outside organizations. Must ensure all group rules and by-laws are being adhered too, responsible for actions and performance of all officers. Will be chair holder of all general member meetings. Find solution for any and all group problems and issues by using any means available. Chair holder of Executive Committee

Vice-President: Responsible for securing meeting locations for rides, events, and all general membership meetings. Organizes any needed or appointed committees, and is the chair holder for any such committees. Responsible for the duties of the President when they are not available.

Treasurer: Collect, deposit, disperse, and maintain all group funds.

Secretary: Keep and record notes including meeting minutes, keep in storage all membership forms, and release forms for all events, keep records of any and all rules and by-laws, etc.

Head Road Captain: research, plan, and organize all group rides. Utilize all assistant road captains as needed for group rides. Select assistant road captains.

Safety Officer: Find and provide any information to help members ride as safe as possible. Ensure all rides and routes are as safe as possible by working with Head Road Captain

Membership Officer: Maintain membership forms for current year, collect dues, and inform members of any dues owed – provide group Secretary with copies of all membership forms – release all membership dues to Treasurer

Road Captains: Assist Head Road Captain as needed and instructed.

Photographer: Take and save photos of events and rides for the purpose of sharing with group.

Webmaster: Maintain / construct website and information on it. Post / maintain Facebook pages

Historian: Maintain records listing officers, members, meeting locations, etc for the purpose of keeping track of group history and growth.

Editor: Edit and compile newsletter. Prepare newsletter for printing.

~ All Elected Officers must attend at least 80% of the planning Committee meetings. ~

United Riders Riding Club Officer Selection

- No term limit for any officer
- Nominations will be accepted in October of each year.
- If no nominations are presented in October for any position, then the current officer is considered re-elected
- Officer nominees must meet the criteria to be approved by the committee.
- Committee will announce all nominees acceptance by November meeting and voting will take place by all members
- Proxy votes will be accepted

United Riders Riding Club
Officer Nomination form

To Qualify:

All officers must be a member for a minimum of 1 Year.

Top (4) officers must have participated in 80% of mtgs/events/ rides combined

President: Delbert Hinshaw

Nominate: _____

Vice-President: Dale Jones

Nominate: _____

Treasurer: Joey Steele

Nominate: _____

Secretary: Sandy Batton

Nominate: _____

Head Road Captain: David McGill

Nominate: _____

Safety Officer: Barry Gaither

Nominate: _____

Membership Officer: Crissy Clement

Nominate: _____

Webmaster: Tom Swaney

Nominate: _____

Historian: _____

Nominate: _____

Editor: Sheri Sandoval

Nominate: _____

Photographer: Entire Group