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“Curvy Road Riding”

Happy Independence Day to everyone; I hope you had a blast, no pun intended! As for Kim & I, we did. Wayne Frank and his wife Christin have been inviting us to their folks place in Blacksburg, VA. for about 4 or 5 years now to do some good curvy road ridding. Sheri & Dale, Beverly & David, Sandra & Tony, Sheri & Sergio and Gus; our Chicago affiliate, Kathy & Tom, Shelly & Dan (“Thanks again for all the breakfast’s”) joined Kim and I for 3 days of as good riding as you can do, period! We also dodged 99% of the rain that we had between here and VA; in VA. and on the way home. The wettest we got was Fri. when we decided to go to the grocery store; about 10 minutes of light rain. Sat. we rode in the Pearisburg 4th of July parade then seen Sheri, Serg and Gus off for home, rode an hour to a place called Paint Bank for lunch and watched it rain pretty heavy for about 20 minutes, then mostly sunshine and another few hours of riding more curvy roads back to the Comfort Inn. On Sun. we left for home via Roanoke, VA, dodging most of another rain storm at lunch and sun the rest of the way home. If everyone who went had half as good as a time as I did, then they had a great time. I’d also like to give a big “THANK YOU!!!” to Wayne’s friend Randy Kessinger for the double trip shuttle to Bull and Bones on Fri. for supper. Can’t wait till next year!

We have a breakfast ride coming up on

Saturday, the Labor Day Trip and several other opportunities’ like open rides every Sun. and charity rides all the time. Check the web and the calendar and *go get you some smile miles in.*

Hope to see everyone on one or more of the many rides coming up and Until next time watch that other guys front tire, drive defensively, practice good riding habits, use those hand signals

and as always...

“Peace be the Journey!”

Delbert Hinshaw



THE VP'S CORNER "What's in a Name"

By Dale Jones

Hello United Riders!

There have been a lot of good rides this past month. We just got back from the July 4th ride to Blacksburg Va. The weather cooperated with us, and we got to ride a lot of curves. We even got to ride in an Independence Day parade. I think everyone really enjoyed the weekend getaway. If you weren't able to go this time, there will be more rips coming up, so mark your calendars. We are putting in lot of good miles, and we want everyone to join in.

I know a lot of you know that I call my bike "Black Betty". When I first got the bike I wanted a good name for her. Since she's a black bike, I wanted to incorporate that into a name. I thought about some names from different songs I grew up on. I remembered the old Ram Jam song from the late 70's. The lyrics went like this,

Whoa, Black Betty (bam-ba-lam)

Whoa, Black Betty (bam-ba-lam)

Black Betty had a child (bam-ba-lam)

The damn thing gone wild (bam-ba-lam)

She said "I'm worryin' outta mind" (bam-ba-lam)

The damn thing gone blind (bam-ba-lam)

I said Oh, Black Betty (bam-ba-lam)

Whoa, Black Betty (bam-ba-lam)

A great old song, perfect for my bike. Sheri thinks it a silly idea to name a bike. It's just a mechanical device.... But I disagree, I think it's cool to name your bike. It's an extension of me.



I know I'm not the only one who's named their bike. Sandra named her bike "Queen Freddie". After the band Queen and Freddie Mercury. So I know some of you have names for your bikes, we can't be the only ones. So I want to know, who in the club has named their bike. Please let me know, I'm really interested to know.

There's plenty of good riding weather this summer. 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

Motorcycle Slang Dictionary S-Z

by Sandy Batton

Motorcycle Slang Dictionary S – Z Scoot/Scooter - This term does not just refer to true scooters or moped but to any motorcycle or two wheeled vehicle. Shaft drive - A shaft driven motorcycle gets power to the rear wheel via a rigid shaft as opposed to a chain or belt. Belts and chains wear out easier and require more maintenance but if shaft driven bike sustains damage to the shaft, repairs will be expensive. A shaft drive is also notably heavier than either a belt or chain. Short - A motorcycle with short gearing has a low final gear ratio. This results in a higher top speed but less torque and acceleration. Shotgun Pipes - A dual exhaust that resembles a double-barreled shotgun. Showed Him My Wheel - An expression meaning that you road behind another rider so closely that he could see your front wheel beside him. Most commonly used in a racing situation (on the track or elsewhere). SIPDE - Acronym for Scan, Identify, Predict, Decide & Execute. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation recognizes these as five critical behaviors for safe motorcycle operation. The concept applies just as effectively with all vehicles. Sissy Bar - A sissy bar is a passenger backrest found mainly on choppers and some Harleys but can technically be added to just about any motorcycle. Some are more functional with some padding while others are mainly for looks. Skid Lid - Another term for a motorcycle helmet (usually an open faced half helmet) Skin - Skin refers to a vehicle's paint job. Slam - A slammed motorcycle (or car) has a lowered suspension. This lowers the center of gravity and can sometimes help handling but usually is just done for appearance. Sled - Slang term for motorcycles. Snail - The spiral shape of a turbocharger leads to its nickname hair dryer or snail. Soft Tail - A soft tail motorcycle has the styling of a rigid bike but maintains the functionality of the suspension. Sparking the Pavement - When a motorcycle is leaned enough to drag the pegs, floor boards, exhaust or other metal parts on the road resulting in a shower of sparks. Sport bike - A sport bike is a term applied to light weight, high horsepower motorcycles with designed with emphasis on acceleration, cornering and stopping power. Sport Standard - Not all motorcycles fit neatly in the traditional categories but lie somewhere along the two-wheel spectrum. Sport standard motorcycles have many speed-oriented features of sport bikes but lack the fairing of sport bikes and maintain an upright riding posture of a standard motorcycle. Sport-touring - The motorcycles in the sport-touring category are a mix between a sport bike and a touring motorcycle. They usually have sports power while adding com-

fort features necessary for long touring rides. SQUID - Acronym for Stupidly Quick, Underdressed, Imminantly Dead. Reckless and inexperienced motorcycle riders who ride without proper gear and beyond their abilities, endangering themselves and others. Standard - A classic styled upright motorcycle with focus on no frills function. Styling is not a main objective on these bikes. They tend to be less powerful than sport bikes but more powerful than cruisers. Static - Static is a slang term meaning trouble. Usually it is in reference to problems with the law or being "hassled by the man" but static can arise between bar patrons, rival bike clubs or even husbands and wives. Stitching a line - This term refers to the art of slipping through traffic in a quick manner on a motorcycle. The term does not imply reckless weaving but controlled and deliberate maneuvers that allow a motorcycle rider to get through traffic as efficiently as possible. Stay Vertical - A parting expression between bikers meaning ride safely. Similar to "keep the shiny side up." Steering Aids - Gouges in the road that "guide" a motorcycle's front wheel against the rider's wishes. Steering damper - A part mounted on a motorcycle's frame and fork to even out control and avoid wobbles. Steering Head - A tubular section of the motorcycle frame where the fork mounts to. Steering lock - To prevent a thief from taking your motorcycle and rolling it away locks are often built in that freeze the fork to the far right or left. It is usually a setting on the motorcycle ignition switch. Stock - A motorcycle that is unmodified the original factory specifications (no aftermarket parts). Stoppie - Stopping with the rear wheel off the ground (the opposite of a wheelie). Also called an endo. Straight Pipes - If the exhaust system on a motorcycle has no baffles in the muffler the exhaust is unrestricted and flows straight through. The lack of restriction boosts performance but is very loud. Many areas have laws against straight pipes and police officers will slid their nightstick in the muffler to test if there are baffles or not. Stretch - A stretched motorcycle is usually a chopper with extended front fork. Suicide Shift - Older motorcycles had a rocker clutch (foot operated) and the gears were shifted with a lever mounted directly on the transmission. The term "suicide shift" was coined because the rider has to take a hand off the handlebars in order to change gears, which meant less control of the motorcycle and danger - especially over rough roads. Suspension - Springs and shock absorbers, usually front and rear, that soften the ride and make the motorcycle more comfortable. A good suspension also aids handling by ensuring that the wheels stay in contact with the road when going over rough or uneven pavement. Super Slab - Large expanses of open road - highways, interstates & expressways. Sweep - The last rider in a group motorcycle ride. This is conventionally the most experienced rider aka the back door or tail gunner. Swingarm - Non-rigid frames have an articulated rear portion that is connected to the rear suspension and facilitates the mounting of the rear wheel. Chrome Tachometer Tachometer - A tachometer is a gauge that displays the engine's level of exertion displayed in revolutions per minute (rpm).

Motorcycle Slang Dictionary S-Z, con't

by Sandy Batton

Tail Gunner - The last rider in a group motorcycle ride. This is conventionally the most experienced rider aka the back door or sweep. Tall - A motorcycle with tall gearing has a high final gear ratio. This results in less top end speed but more torque and stronger acceleration. Tankslapper - A dangerous situation where the motorcycle's handlebars jerk back and forth causing the riders knees to slap against the gas tank. A motorcycle under power will naturally seek to roll upright and in a straight line so if mishandled, the handlebars can jerk back and forth trying to find the straight line. A tankslapper normally ends up with the rider laying the bike down. Tar Snake - The material used to patch cracks in the asphalt have less traction than the original pavement and can be slippery. This material also has a lower melting point and will get soft or melt on hot days - this can be potentially hazardous. T-CLOCK - An acronym used by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation to remember the key points of the pre-ride inspection (Tires, Controls, Lights & Electronics, Oils, Chassis & Chain, Kickstand). Textiles - Motorcycle riding gear made of fabric (Cordura, ballistic nylon, Kevlar, etc). Generally cooler than leather gear and usually water resistant. The Ton - The 100 mile per hour mark. The Double - The 200 mile per hour mark - sometimes referred to as the "Double T" or "Double Ton." Throttle - The control that adjusts speed and acceleration by regulating the amount of air and gas that enters the carburetor. Thumper - A high displacement single cylinder bike (Honda XLR650, Kawasaki KLR650) Thrashing it - To ride a motorcycle very aggressively. Touring Motorcycle - Touring motorcycles are larger bikes designed for comfort on long rides. Generally preferred by older riders and not gear toward fast acceleration or aggressive handling. Torque - This is a physics 101 term referring to rotational force (Torque = Force x Distance from the center of rotation) and is most commonly measured in foot pounds. This is the force that propels the wheel of a vehicle. People often compare vehicle power by horsepower but a vehicles ability to accelerate is more accurately measured in torque. High horsepower results in a high top speed while high torque translates to strong pickup. Transmission - A vehicle's transmission is a system of gears that adjust the ratio of engine speed to wheel speed. The ability to vary gears allows an engine to be useful across a wide range of speeds. Tri-Armor - The result of a four-year German study, Tri-armor is CE approved motorcycle armor made up of a plastic membrane sandwiched between layers of dual density memory foam. This is an advanced armor that balances impact resistance, abrasion resistance and

comfort. Trial - Trial riding is a motorbike sport that highlights uncanny vehicle control. The off-road bikes are used to traverse boulders and obstacles. It often requires the ability to effectively jump a bike from a standstill and land with precision and balance. Trial bikes are built specifically for these competitions and are exceptionally lightweight and lack seats. Triple - A motorcycle engine with three cylinders with an inline layout. Triple Trees - aka Triple Clamps, This component connects the front forks to the steering stem. The name is derived from the three tubes that are joined at this part - 1 steering stem + 2 fork tubes. Tuck - The tuck is the most aerodynamic riding position. A motorcycle's fairing and windscreen and designed to direct oncoming wind and reduce drag. In an upright riding position this wind will collide with the rider, usually in the chest. By lowering the head and torso close to the bike the wind can pass unobstructed over the bike and rider. Twisties - Slang for a road with many turns. The twisties are usually the preferred setting for aggressive riders. Twisting The Wick - Slang for accelerating derived from the motion associated with rolling on the throttle. V-Twin - A V-twin is a motorcycle with 2 cylinders positioned in a V (the angle can vary. This layout facilitates a maximum torque and smooth power. The V-twin also allows for more options in positioning the power plant. Valve - An engine component that regulates the flow of air and fuel into the combustion chamber as well as the release of exhaust for that chamber. The rate at which the valves open and close is controlled by the cam-shaft. Vanson Street Armor - Soft foam motorcycle armor that is fixed in the jacket by velcro instead of slipping into mesh pockets. This armor is designed to allow greater freedom of movement. Waxer - A motorcycle owner who is more likely to spend time washing and waxing his bike than actually riding it. Wheelbase - The wheelbase is the distance from front wheel hub to rear wheel hub. A longer wheelbase results in a more stable, but less agile, motorcycle. Wheelie - Riding a motorcycle on the rear wheel only with the front wheel suspended in the air. Yard Shark - A dog. Dogs tend to dislike motorcycles and will try to attack. Dogs plot an intercepting path so varying throttle is an effective evasive maneuver. A common tactic is to slow and downshift on approach then accelerate away to avoid the dog. Z Bar - A '70s style motorcycle handlebar that curves out toward the front of the bike then curves back toward the rider. Zook - Short for Suzuki

From Our Secretary, Sandy Batton - June 2015, Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report : [\\$673.22](#) in checking account

Visitor – Kennie Wright

Suggestion Box – Will be placed at Open Meeting for ride, meeting, and any other suggestions

Cruise – Robin P. gave update on cruise

- Depart Charleston, SC on 4/10/16
- Cruise to Bahamas – Sunday through Friday
- [\\$469](#) per person includes all fees except liquor
- [\\$938.52](#) per couple

Sheri S. will create an event on FB with a closing date of 7/1/15

Robin P. will provide more information on the event on FB

Kathy & Thomas provided information on what was formerly called the Iron Butt Ride

- Saddle Sore - 1,000 miles in 24 hours
- Butt Burner – 1,500 miles in 36 hours
- Tentative date 7/18/15 ride to Florida. Concern with heat in July. Considering number of daylight hours for July.
- Sheri S. will create and event on FB to coordinate a meeting for those interested in participating.

Rides:

6/13 – Matt Hunt Ride

6/14 – Saddle Bag Picnic

6/19-6/20 – Smokeout Rally – Rockingham, NC

6/20 – Lunch ride to Pick N Pig, Carthage, NC

6/27 – Tuggles Gap

6/28 – Open Ride

7/4/15 – Blacksburg, Virginia ride. Leave 7/3/15 and return 7/5/15. Delbert will provide lodging information and ride/meeting information on FB

Name drawn for July's Member Monthly Ride – Dan & Shelly

David McGill talked about tire safety

50/50 winner – Mike R – Donated back to UR



Riding in the rain safety tips

by Kathy Blackburn

After getting caught riding in the rain a few times, here are a few tips to prepare you for riding in the rain...

Tip #1: Choose a good rain suit.

Pack your rainsuit on top, not at the bottom of your saddlebag. Wear bright Hi-visibility colors. Try to put rain suit on before the rain starts.

Tip #2: Slow down!

Water acts as a lubricant. The first 15 minutes during rainstorms are the slickest.

This simple fact is because vehicles deposit oil, brake fluid, fuel, and lots of other crud on the road over time. When it rains, all of this crud that was built up on the road mixes with the water and sits on top. Give yourself more space between you and the vehicle in front of you, your brakes are less effective, which means it's going to take much longer to stop when it's wet than when it's dry.

Tip #3: Avoid shiny-smooth surfaces.

Most obvious is anything metal - train tracks, man hole covers, metal grates on bridges and painted lane lines, turn arrows, etc.

Tip #4: Ride behind one of the rear wheels of the car in front of you.

This has two benefits, 1: if the guy in front of you stops suddenly you will be able to swerve to a side and get a few more feet of braking distance, 2: the car's wheel in front of you basically acts like a plow pushing all of the water on the road out of the way for a brief period of time. Take advantage of that (slightly) dryer pavement!

Tip #5: Use a full face helmet, or buy a detachable face shield.

Rain drops hurt at 50 mph. In fact, you will think it's hailing.

Tip #6: The Rule of One Action.

In the rain, you should think about your tires. In normal conditions, we put our tires through many different stresses (or actions):

- We accelerate while turning. (two actions)
- We downshift while coming into a turn. (two actions)
- Shifting weight while turning and accelerating (three actions)

In the rain, you should focus on only putting your tires through one action at a time.

In other words, accelerate (one action) after you make a turn (one action). Downshift (one action) before you start to turn (one action). Etc. Don't combine actions on your tires together in the rain. Less tension on your tires in the rain is going to result in better traction.

Ride safe and Peace On...

8 Motorcycle Packing Tips to Save Space *by Tom Swaney*

If you're like most people, you'll be riding a motorcycle a long way to the Sturgis Rally or, at the very least, riding your motorcycle to a few locations around the Black Hills during your vacation. Whether you're putting on 250 or 2,500 miles this riding season, learning these motorcycle packing tips will save you lots of headache and tons of time so you can focus on what really matters—enjoying the ride. To save you even more time and trouble, we've assembled a list of eight tips to teach you the most efficient way to pack.

1. Learn to Fold Your Chaps Correctly

This short tutorial not only teaches you how to fold your chaps to save space, but also how to turn them into cushion that can serve many other purposes.

2. Roll Your Clothes

This is a tried and true traveling tip anyone can use to save some space. Rolling your clothes just takes up less space than folding them... 'nuff said. Moving on...

3. Stuff Smaller Items into Your Boots

This video shows this trick being applied to shoes, but imagine all the space you'll save applying it to your boots! If you've got an extra pair of boots, you might as well utilize the space by stuffing them with things like underwear and socks. That way, not an inch of precious space is wasted.

4. Line Your Bags with Plastic Sacks

The name of the game is keeping your stuff dry. You don't have to get the super-expensive, reptilian water-proof bags (or expensive liner bags) to keep your valuables away from moisture. No matter how fancy or rain-proof your bags might be, it doesn't hurt in the slightest to line all of them with an inexpensive kitchen garbage bag.

5. Develop a System

To pack truly efficiently, you need a system so that you always know where to find the things you need to access quickly and easily. Pack your bags to hold different categories of items (e.g. a bag for tools, accessories and protection; and a bag for toiletries, clothes and documentation), and always put your things back in the same spot so you always know where to find them. Anything you will need to retrieve on a regular basis should always be put on top of your bag.

6. Lock Up Your Valuables

Stow any cash and pricy electronics in locking saddlebags or a locking compartment of some sort. The best way to protect your valuables is to leave them at home, but if you must bring them, make sure they're in a place that only YOU can access. Don't carry too many credit cards or more than enough cash for a day or two, and keep copies of important documents as well.

7. Less Is More

This should go without saying, but you should only bring the bare essentials, especially if you're riding a long distance. You can significantly reduce the amount of clothes you need if you pack some detergent and wash them as you go.

8. Bring Bungee Cords and Zip Ties

If your philosophy is "more is more," then you'll need an abundance of bungee cords to securely fasten any extra luggage to your bike.

Save the date

July 2015

July 3-5th Kim & Delberts Blacksburg Va.

Kim / Delberts Camping trip to Blacksburg, VA

This is primitive camping with access to the house kitchen & bathroom
DETAILS TO ANNOUNCED

July 11th Breakfast Ride

Meet at DK Cycles @ 9am for a ride to Asheboro & yummy
CJ's restaurant (Jug Town Cafe) Or Meet at CJ's at 9:30am

July 18th Dan & Shelley's Ride

Meet at DK Cycles @ 9:30am for a ride through the country to
Nick's Old Fashion Hamburgers

June 25th Heaven's Ride

Check back at a later date for meet up details.

FYI: Every Sunday (Except Holiday's)

We will be having open rides lead by a committee
member... 2 wheels or 4.....

MEET AT DK'S at 2pm

(Times may vary depending on the length of ride,
watch Facebook for details)

Save the date

August 2015

August 1st Tuggles Gap Ride

Meet at DK 9am

August 8th Special OPS Museum / Fried Turkey Sandwich Shop

Meet at DK Cycles 9am - To Fayetteville

UR—5th Annual Labor Day Mtn Trip Details

September 3rd—September 7th

Leaving Thursday at 5pm

Riding:

Back of the dragon (VA) - Friday

Devils Triangle (TN) - Saturday

Gauntlet (GA) - Sunday

Dragon (NC) & Home - Monday

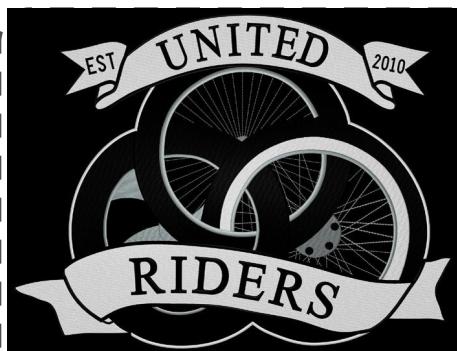
(Details - Subject to change)

JULY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 UR Bus Mtg	3 Kim & Delberts Camping trip to Blacksberg Va <—————	4 Camping trip
5 Camping Trip —————> Beverly McGill's Birthday	6	7	8	9 UP Open Mtg	10	11 Breakfast Ride Meet at DK 9am Or at Cj's @ 9:30am
12 Open Ride DK 2:00pm	13	14	15	16	17	18 Dan & Shelley's Ride to Nicks Burgers. Meet @ DK's @ 9:30am Deena Payne's Birthday
19 Open Ride DK 2:00pm	20	21 Jack Steele's Birthday	22	23	24	25 Heaven's Ride
26 Open Ride DK 2:00pm	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Tuggles Gap Ride DK Cycles 9am
2	3 Tom Swaney's Birthday	4	5	6 UR Bus Mtg	7	8 Special Ops Museum - Fayetteville, DK's 9am * Fried Turkey Shop for lunch
9	10	11	12	13 UP Open Mtg	14	15 Robin Berrier's Birthday
16	17	18	19	20	21 Lane Kirby's Birthday	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



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If you see the following family member,
wish them a



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

Beverly McGill ~ July 5th

Deena Payne ~ July 18th

Jack Steele ~ July 21st