



The Baffle

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- We Need UR Support
- Road Hazards
- Save the dates
- Membership Dues

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“A Merry UR Christmas”

Merry Christmas to all the UR family and I hope you all have a great new year.

Looking forward to many a smile mile with UR in 2017 and I hope everyone is too.

It seems like this year has zooooomed by. I mean wasn't it just 4th of July like last week. Oh yeah, that was Thanksgiving.

The Christmas party is this Saturday at 5:00pm. If you haven't signed up to help and would like to; see our new event coordinator Robin Pardella and she will steer you in the right direction. Remember your secret Santa gift and come out for a good time and great food.

I'd like to thank all the members who helped with the angel tree gifts. It's always good to put smiles on kid's faces. I think

that's what the world needs is more smiling faces.

Check the calendar for more upcoming stuff you can be a part of....

Until then, remember to practice good riding habits, use those hand signals.

And as always....

“Peace be the Journey”

Delbert Hinshaw



THE VP'S CORNER "Merry Christmas"

Merry Christmas United Riders! It's that busy time of the year again. Toy rides, Christmas parties and the hustle and bustle of the shopping season. It can really become a blur and before you know it, it's over.

I know that Sheri and I were doing that very thing after Thanksgiving. On Friday we put up decorations on the outside of our house. On Saturday we drove to Laurel Springs and picked our Christmas tree, with our kids and grandkids. Then on Sunday we put the tree up and decorated the inside of the house. Before I knew it, it was Monday and I was back at work.

My goal for the next few weeks is to try and slow down, take a breath and enjoy the Holiday Season. I'm looking forward to the December toy rides.



There's nothing better than children at Christmas time. It really is the best time of the year for them.

I'm also looking forward to our Christmas party this year. It's always a fun time, and filled with laughter.

Live Free ~ Ride Free

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**May the spirit of Christmas
bring you and your family
hope, happiness and love.
Merry Christmas
Happy New Year!**



Top Five Road Hazards for Motorcyclists

by Sandy Batton

1. Blind Spots:

Be sure not to ride in any vehicle's blind spot—that is, the area around a vehicle that is not visible to the driver using his or her mirrors. It's bad enough when a car driver doesn't turn and look when changing lanes in front of another car. Now think about that happening when the other car is a motorcycle. If you think you're riding in that gray zone, either speed up and get past the vehicle or slow down to allow the vehicle enough room to change lanes.



2. Uneven Road Surfaces:

Road construction is a pain, but we all get stuck riding in it. If the lanes are uneven, try to stay in the same lane until the uneven lanes end. Also be on the lookout for divots in the road. These are often caused by a large truck dragging something from its undercarriage, leaving a depression in the road—sometimes for a good distance. Getting your bike caught up in divots like these may cause your tire tread to “catch,” possibly leading to a loss of control.

3. Debris:

Gravel, Oil, and Sand Need I say more? Riding on two wheels is all about stability, and it doesn't take much to lose that precious stability when riding on sand, gravel, oil, and other debris. If you're not careful when riding through these materials, you can easily lose traction, causing the bike to slide. Whenever possible, stop and evaluate the surface. If it looks unsafe, find another way around. If you must ride through the hazard, do so carefully and at a slow, safe speed. Most importantly, never use only the front brake. Have you ever seen a bicyclist hit the front brake and go sailing over the handlebars? Same concept. I use mainly the rear brake when I ride through hazards like these, and I'm careful to brake slowly and smoothly.

Top Five Road Hazards for Motorcyclists *con't*

by Sandy Batton

4. Side Roads

Why side roads? Because they're everywhere, and vehicles are turning out from them and in front of us constantly. Always look ahead to side roads, where you may see a vehicle waiting to enter the road in front of you. Expect that vehicles will not always see you, and plan your reaction. For example, you might think, "If that car pulls out, can I move to the left lane? Should I slow down in case they do?" Swerving is sometimes unavoidable but can be a hazard if not done correctly. Don't overreact, but be ready to react!



5. Intersections:

Intersections are arguably the most dangerous hazard for motorcyclists. After all, intersections can involve all four hazards listed above. In an intersection, you need to be on the lookout for vehicles changing lanes around you (even though they're not supposed to), while also watching for debris, gravel, and oil in the roadway. You should be conscious of uneven surfaces, but you also need to watch for vehicles turning left in front of you and turning right into your path of travel. Traffic-light changes also necessitate that you be aware of vehicles stopping quickly or not stopping soon enough. Are you feeling overwhelmed yet? Don't. Just take a deep breath. It's really not that bad! The best thing to do in intersections—and every time you saddle up and ride—is to play the "What if?" game in your mind. Think, "If a car pulls out in front of me, what will I do? How will I react?" The main thing is to be prepared but to avoid overreacting. I have seen many crashes where a motorcyclist assumed a vehicle was not going to stop and their quick overreaction was to hit the front brake. Wrong move! (Just think of that bicyclist going over the handlebars.) Instead of panicking, always be sure to look ahead, assume vehicles don't see you, and have your plan of action ready. If you see a vehicle approaching the intersection (or stop sign, yield sign, etc.), slow down and move to the opposite side of your lane. For example, if a vehicle is approaching from a side road on your right, move to the left side of your lane. This allows you more room to react and move if you need to. Soon enough, it will become second nature.



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A Christmas Family

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What an AMAZING group this is.
Can you just imagine both of our families that we are sponsoring for Christmas will enjoy a wonderful Christmas morning because of US ~ UNITED RIDERS
What a great joy that should bring to all our members.
THANK YOU for all you do!!

★★★★★ NOTICE ★★★★★

Don't let your membership Expire!!

PAY YOUR \$25.00 CLUB DUES NOW!

Membership expiration date is

February 9th, 2016

Save the date

December 2016

December 4th ~ Mill's Children's Home Ride

United Riders will again support this wonderful cause "For The Children".

2 meet up locations:

Meet at DK Cycles, 8775 US. Hwy. 311, Archdale, NC 27263 at 11:30am and we will ride to Speedway Gas Station, 509 W Dixie Dr, Asheboro, NC 27205 at 12/Noon.

We will ride together as an AWESOME group to the Mall where we will register.

COST: \$10 or an unwrapped gift for a teenage boy or girl.

December 9th~ Polar Express

See Sandy Batton or see Event for information

December 10th~ Brenner's Children's Hospital Toy Ride

Meet at Biscuitville

2336 Randleman Rd, Greensboro at 12/Noon and we will ride as a group to Greensboro Harley.

Bring an unwrapped gift for a child.

Hope to see you all there.

UR CHRISTMAS PARTY ~ DECEMBER 10th ~ 5PM

Happy Hollow Community Center

3853 Happy Hollow Rd, Asheboro, North Carolina 27205

FOOD ~ DIRTY SANTA ~ FUN

Save the date

January 2017

January 15th ~ Delbert's Birthday / Game Night

If you've never been to a game night, you're missing out on some fun.. We play Pictionary - Guys against the girls. You wouldn't believe how somethings are drawn... This is an adults only party. BYOB & an small appetizer. During the winter we may not ride as much but we still get together for some fun...Hope to see you there.

January 15th ~ Kabuto's Japanese Steak House

Come Join us at 5pm for a fun evening at Katuto's Japanese Steak house & Sushi ~ 1617 Stanley Rd, Greensboro, NC 27407

Meet at the restaurant

MUST RSVP in UR Event so we can make RESERVATIONS!

January 21st ~ UR Date Night ~ Pierro's Italian Restaurant

Date Night with Friends ~ Pierro's Italian Bistro in Fayetteville is a fantastic restuarant and great food, combined with a cozy atmosphere makes for a great night out with United Riders.

Be at the restaurant at 4:30pm or meet up with friends to car pool down. Either way you're guaranteed to have a good time and have a good meal.

Game nights & bowling will start to be scheduled soon. If you have any other ideas that would be fun for all of us to do, please share them & we'll add them to our calendar

From now on *****

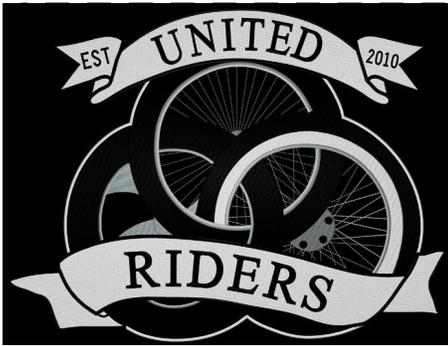
ALL UR EVENTS ARE 2 wheels or 4 wheels, whatever you're comfortable driving in or on.

DECEMBER 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 UR Business Mtg | 2 | 3 |
| 4 UR - Mill's Children's Home Ride DK 's 11:30am Speedway 12:00 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 UR Open Mtg. | 9 Polar Express 7pm | 10 UR - Brenner's Chil- dren's Hospital, Biscuitville 12:00 UR Christmas Party Happy Hollow Community Center |
| 11 | 12 | 13 BK Gaither's Birthday Erik Gray's | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 Charlene Hobb's Birthday | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 NEW YEARS EVE |
| JANUARY 1st 2017 HAPPY NEW YEAR | | | | | | |

JANUARY 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 UR Business Mtg Cathie Gavel's Birthday | 6 | 7 UR - Game Night 6pm Delbert Hinshaw's Birthday |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 UR Open Mtg | 13 | 14 Rick Miller's Birthday |
| 15 UR - Kabuto's 5pm | 16 | 17 Mark Swaney's Birthday | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 UR - Date Night Pierro's Bistro Meet at 4:30pm |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 Denise Lynch's Birthday |
| 29 Joey Steele's Birthday | 30 Duane Burnette's Birthday | 31 | | | | |



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Minor Repair & Maintenance
Mike Rutenberg
[\(336\)-847-7475](tel:(336)847-7475)
Rate- \$35 hr



If you see the following family member,
wish them a



*** Happy Birthday ***

BK Gaither ~ December 13th

Eric Gray ~ December 13th

Charlene Hobbs ~ December 20th