



# The Baffle

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Save the Dates
- Group Riding
- Cruise info

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## “A Busy Month”

It's been a busy month for the UR crew and I hope everyone has enjoyed the fun!

If not, then maybe the future will give you UR chance.

The Valentine's Day party was a blast as usual. I look forward to next year.

UR bowled the next weekend with more family, friends and fun.

As of this writing, UR has plans on Sunday for a with a short lunch ride to the Pickn' Pig then our monthly “Dinner Party” to Longhorn Steakhouse.

There is also a game night at Kim and I 's and those of you who

have participated, can attest to the good time to be had there!

It's good to hear that UR is getting together to ride on the fly. I think in the beginning that's the thing that this club was started; to get together and ride.

Those of us who haven't had the pleasure of riding lately, and have been parked for a while; remember to T-CLOCK (Bike checklist) those machines.

Kim and I look forward to our next “Smile Miles” with UR! Until that time, remember to practice good riding habits, use those hand signals, and as always

“Peace be the Journey!”



## THE VP'S CORNER "Spring's Around the Corner"

Hello United Riders! It's that time of the year again. The weather's really unpredictable, one weekend it's in the 70's and the next it's in the 40's.

But the good news is *Spring* is just around the corner. Ten days away, to be precise. So hang on and watch the weather forecast for days to get out and have some fun.

We are about a month away from leaving on the cruise. I hope everyone's excited and ready to go. This will be our first cruise, ever. But, from all the talk I've heard, there's a good chance it won't be our last.

Don't forget the club trip to Washington D.C. in May. If you haven't been before, you are in for a treat. I encourage everyone to try and go this year.

Then in June we have our trip to Laconia, New Hampshire. This should be an awesome trip, we are planning to do some of the Maine coastline, and ride into Vermont. If time allows, we may even ride up in to Canada.

So, the next three months are going to be great!

Join in and be a part of a great season of fun.

Get ready...the adventures, and memories of them, are awaiting us!



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### Biker's Prayer

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This prayer is for all

The brothers and sisters

May God keep you safe on your ride today

May you and yours always have the wind

In your face and the sun at your back

May you always keep the shiny side up

May God keep his hand

On all of us and the one's that we love

Keep us safe on our journey Amen

Live Free ~ Ride Free

Dale Jones

## Group Riding *by David McGill*

Hello all my motorcycle brothers and sister. It has been a short winter season, but most of us have not been on our bike in weeks. With Spring upon us, I for one am anxious to get back on two (three for a few) wheels and some wind therapy. It will be much sooner than later that we will be riding together. Most of us have ridden together for some time; however, for a few it has been much more recent. Riding a motorcycle presents a completely new world of hazards and group riding, though there may be safety in numbers, has its own set of challenges. Some of those challenges are: Covering too much road, mixing riders of various skill levels, and general chaos are just a few group-riding concerns. The rules we adhere to are for the safety of all in our group.

Rules for our group rides include the following:

### **1. Hold a meeting before the ride.**

It helps to get together beforehand to talk strategy (where you'll stop, how long you'll ride, where to go if you get lost, etc.) and ask questions. Trust me; it'll be easier to sort out concerns in a quiet room than over the crackle of the throttle.

### **2. Decide a riding order**

Choose a lead rider (the one in front) and a sweep rider (the one in back). The lead rider is in charge of telling the group what's coming, and the sweep rider sets the pace for the group. Everyone else should have a place in the formation, too. The least experienced of your bunch should be behind the leader, letting the pros line up behind them and lend a watchful eye.

### **3. Come prepared**

This includes simple things that everyone should do, like arriving with a full tank of gas and bringing a cell phone. It also means deciding who will bring a first-aid kit, bike tools, and other necessities. I'm not sure any of us have a first-aid kit, but it is something we should have on every ride.

### **4. Don't go rogue**

Something UR will not tolerate. If you want to ride at your pace and not the group's, then you need to be by yourself. In group motorcycling, there's no room for showboats or renegades (despite all that leather). Avoid competitions with your group mates, tailgating, or passing other riders. Along certain sections of a ride, we may spread out, but that is discussed and known before the ride departs.

## Group Riding *by David McGill (con't)*

### **5. Stagger your riding formation**

Perhaps the trickiest part of group riding is perfecting the formation. That's because while you want to keep your group relatively tight (so you're easy to spot), you also want to maintain a space cushion within the ranks. The best way is to stagger: the leader rides on the left side of the lane, the second rider stays one second back and on the right side. The third rider stays one second behind the second rider and on the left side, and so on. You don't want to ride side-by-side since this will limit your maneuvering space if you need to swerve quickly.

### **6. Pass in formation**

When it comes to passing other vehicles on the highway, group members should do so one at a time and then return to their spot in formation. So the leader would pass and return to the left side of the lane, then the next rider would pass and return to the right side, and so on.

### **7. Take plenty of breaks**

If all these group riding rules seem a bit exhausting, that's because they are. In order to keep your concentration and energy (and avoid sucking the fun out of the experience), take frequent rests and just savor the moment.

### **8. Keep your least experienced rider in mind**

Not sure how far to ride? How fast? How often to take a break? The answer is always to figure out what your least-experienced rider is capable of and comfortable with and use that as your benchmark.

### \*\*\*\*\* NOTICE \*\*\*\*\*

Due to the Cruise - The next open meeting will be held 1 week earlier than normal.  
Please plan to meet on APRIL 7th.  
6pm to eat, meeting starts at 7pm.

## From Our Secretary, Sandy Batton - January 2016

### Committee Meeting Minutes

UR Open Meeting Notes 2/11/16

- Treasury [\\$1460](#) as of 1/2/16
- Bikers 4 Boobs (B4B)
  - o Fay Morgan asked UR if they would like to sell anything at the event.
  - o B4B will take 10% the remainder will be UR profit
  - o Date of event is 8/20/16
  - o UR will sell hot dogs and chips
- Toys for autistic class will be collected quarterly
- Cruise
  - o Cruise if finalized
  - o Need to go online and complete forms
  - o [\\$2.80](#) for a dozen bottles of water
  - o 4:45 – 9:30 PM – anytime dining
- Calendar reviewed
- Fear of February 2/13/16, 12-6 PM @ Riders In The Country, Randleman, NC
- Members were given copies of the revised UR By-Laws and asked to review and let Committed know of any questions.
- 50/50 – Half of the UR winnings will now go into a helping hands fund.



### Recipe Thursday ~ Corn Bread ~ By Kathy Blackburn

- 1 2/3 cups cornmeal
- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 1/2 cups half & half
- 3/4 cup (1 1/2 sticks) margarine
- 2 eggs beaten

Combine cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder & salt in large bowl, mixing well.

Combine remaining ingredients, mixing well, add to dry mixture & stir with wooden spoon until just moistened.

Pour into well greased 9-inch square pan. Bake at 425 for 35 mins or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Edges should be golden brown. Cool on wire rack.

Enjoy and Peace On..



## Simple Steps to Trick Out Your Motorcycle *by Sandy Batton*

Motorcycle enthusiasts love riding the roads for hours, the wind in their faces and the miles both ahead and behind. Sitting in the saddle of your motorcycle can be your favorite place in the world. Whether you're a weekend warrior or a hardened commuter, chances are you want more out of your bike than simply stellar performance on the road. You want it to stand out.

Some motorcycles are totally tricked out: low-riders with handlebars so high they look impossible to steer (also called "ape hangers"); sport bikes with super-low windscreens to create a streamlined moving bullet; and huge trikes with extra-fat tires. Each of these unique rides are often one of a kind and fit their riders to a tee.

### **Customize Your Bike**

What can you do to trick out your ride? The answer is: pretty much anything you like. Motorcycle manufacturers and aftermarket suppliers sell a wide variety of parts, from cube light cages and extra-long foot-plates to gold trims and carefully crafted sprockets. But before ordering anything, look at other bikes or go online to get some ideas.

Motorcycle USA organizes an annual Ultimate Builder Custom Bike Show where you can see some of the world's best bike builders' babies. It's a great place to gain insight on what's possible and what you'd like. In addition, Build Your Bike (<http://www.build-motorcycle.multitaskdesign.com>) offers a fun, though limited, free online tool to customize your virtual bike and see what all these customizations might look like on one bike.

Once you have an idea of what you want, here are some pointers to get you started.

### **Prepare Your Bike**

- ◆ Get the manual. Make sure you consult your owner's manual before changing anything on your bike. It typically contains valuable information on essential parts, as well as how replacement parts affect things like engine performance or suspension. If you don't have the manual, contact the dealer or manufacturer for a new one.
- ◆ Be safe. Always keep safety in mind when customizing your bike. If you're not sure how something will affect your motorcycle, or you're not confident about the technical aspects, talk to your mechanic.
- ◆ Remove stickers. All new bikes come with warning stickers on various parts. Assuming you understand

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what the stickers are for, removing them is a good way to strip your bike down to a clean palette. First, spritz the sticker and surrounding area with a spray lubricant, and then carefully heat each sticker with a hairdryer until you can peel it away. If there's any residue, use warm, soapy water to wash it off.

### Choose Your Style

- ◆ Determine the look you want. This is where the fun starts. Do you want a retro look? A subtle customization? A wild, pimped-out chopper? Consider some suggestions:
- ◆ Remove all emblems and fill in the seams. Even if you only want to make some slight changes, removing brand names can be key to making your bike unique.
- ◆ Get after-market chrome. You can get anything from bolts to exhausts in pretty much any color or metal you like, but chrome is still a favorite among bikers.
- ◆ Replace your exhaust system. TT exhausts, double exhausts, high exhausts: Each one gives your machine a totally different look. Browse different models to see which you like best. Bear in mind, however, that replacing the exhaust can affect performance, so refer to the manual and, if necessary, let a licensed mechanic do the heavy lifting on this one.
- ◆ Get a custom paint job. There are body shops that specialize in motorcycles where you can get any type of paint job you want. Get a bold color, have your name painted on your bike, or even design a paint job to match your tattoo... or vice-versa.
- ◆ Customize the seat. Check out different types of seats. The winner of the Ultimate Builder Custom Bike Show 2012-2013 used a round wooden seat on his bike.
- ◆ Steampunk it up. Combine brass, copper, chrome and retro elements with chunky bolts and custom sprockets to get a steampunk look.
- ◆ Engrave it. Have your favorite design engraved on chrome parts,

*A word of advice: When you customize your bike, you change its value due to added parts. Make sure to save all receipts for insurance purposes and consider aftermarket coverage that can be tailored to your needs.*

## Cruise Suggestion List *by Robin Pardella*

- ◆ Waterproof case to hold passports or cruise card (for any water activities)
- ◆ Extra outlet/USB strip (1 – 110 volt & 1 – 220 volt outlet, in the entire room)
- ◆ Spring band to keep your cruise card with you at all times (I carry a hole puncher)
- ◆ Candle (lites) for a romantic evening (no open flames) or to use as a nightlight.
- ◆ You can carry on one bottle of wine/champagne per legal aged adult
- ◆ Bring extra wire hangers (they are cheap & can be left at the end of the cruise)
- ◆ Carry only small bills off the ship in the Bahamas
- ◆ Bring Dramamine or seasick pills

### Keep in Mind:

- ◆ Don't over pack – I know this is hard but try to keep your packing to a minimum.
- ◆ Make sure your bags are tagged with the correct room assignments, staple well around the whole tag.
- ◆ Once at the terminal pull up to the baggage carriers (they work for tips only, usually \$1.00 per bag)
- ◆ Have your boarding pass & passport out once in line at the terminal, fill out the medical slip prior
- ◆ Do not bring any bottles of water or any containers that can be misconstrued
- ◆ No need to bring beach towels they are available on the ship & to take w/you off to the beach
- ◆ There is a clothesline in the shower to hang things out to dry out
- ◆ They have shampoo & body wash available in the showers (it's harsh, I bring my own)

### There will be one formal night should be Wednesday

- ◆ Gals bring a dress or nice pants (no evening gowns needed)
- ◆ Guys khaki/dress pants & polo/nice shirt (no tie or suit needed)
- ◆ Jeans are not allowed on formal night! (If you are eating in the dining room otherwise any buffet you can just wear casual attire)
- ◆ No not bring any type of iron (to press clothes)

# Save the date

## March 2016

### March 12th ~ David Honeycutts Birthday Brunswick

#### Stew

6828 Branson Mill Rd Pleasant Garden 27313 ~ 5PM-?

That's right. Once again David and I will be pulling out the big pot. Please come by and have a bowl of stew with us. You can say Happy birthday to David if you would like LOL. If you would like to bring a dish to add please feel free to. BYOB. Can't wait to see you all.

### March 19th ~ MC ride & Benefit for Tommy Shipwash (Not a UR Event)

I have created this event for members to connect if they wish to do this ride / benefit. It is NOT a UR ride/ event. If you want to go / please post a meeting up time for DK Cycles & everyone can ride in together.

Registration starts at 10am & Kick stands up @ 12/noon  
\$20 per bike, \$10 for passengers.

Who wants to go???

### March 20th ~ UR - Sunday Dinner Party

The drop box restaurant pick this month

Smokey Bones

3302 Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27407

5pm-?

Please RSVP for reservations on the UR event

# Save the date

**\*\*APRIL OPEN MEETING WILL BE HELD ON**

**APRIL 7th DUE TO THE UR CRUISE\*\***

## **April 2016**

### **April 3rd– Angela's Ride**

Come join us as we support this ride again this year.

Meet at DK Cycles at 10:30am or at the old Hess station in Asheboro at 11:00 am. Lets show the UNITED RIDERS SUPPORT

15th Annual Relay For Life Ride: Angela's Ride

April 3rd at Cox's Harley Davidson of Asheboro

Registration begins at 10:00 AM

Ride will leave at 1:00 PM

**\*\*\*\*\* April 10th - 15th UR is Cruising \*\*\*\*\***

### **April 16<sup>th</sup> – Delbert's Secret Ride**

This is one of Delberts secret rides... Don't know where we are going but its sure to be a great ride & there could possibly be food involved.

Meet at DK Cycles at 10:30am with a full tank of gas & an empty bladder!!

### **April 24<sup>TH</sup> – UR Dinner Party Reno's Pizza & Italian Restaurant**

April's Dinner Party pick was:

Reno's Pizza & Italian Restaurant - 119 E Main St, Gibsonville, North Carolina 27249. Come get a pizza or great Italian dish of your choice... These dinner parties are so much fun to just get together, share great conversation & eat good food. Maybe it will be warm / dry & we can ride? Hope to see you all there!

### **April 30<sup>TH</sup> – UR Spring Ride**

UR's Spring ride... We usually went to a wonderful place down in Salisbury called Farmhouse Restuarant but they closed their doors last year & suggest on the FB page that we eat here at Mike & Paula's for good home cooked meals & breakfast is served all day long.

Come join us as we ride through the countryside to Salisbury.

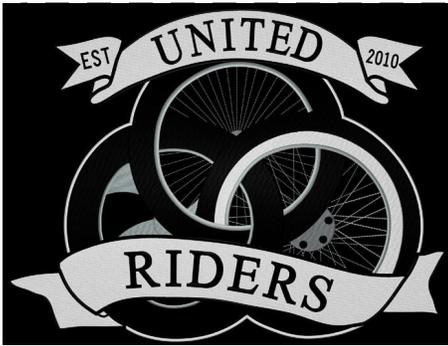
Meet at DK Cycles at 10:30am

# MARCH 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 Game Night 6pm
6	7	8	9 Sheri Jones Birthday	10 Crissy Clements Birthday	11	12 David Honeycutts Brunswick Stew
13	14 David Honeycutts Birthday	15	16 David McGill's Birthday	17	18	19 MC Ride & Benefit
20 Dinner Party Smoky Bones Greensboro 5pm	21	22	23	24	25 Good Friday	26
27  Delano Spears- Inskeep Birth- day  Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31  UR BUSINESS- MTG		

# APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 UR- Angela's Ride DK's 10:30am or Hess station 11:00am	4	5	6	7 ** UR OPEN MEETING	8	9
10 ←	11	12	13 UR CRUISE	14	15	16 UR - Delberts Secret Ride DK's 10:30am →
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 UR- Dinner Party Reno's Pizza, Gibsonville 5pm	25	26	27	28	29	30 UR - Spring Ride Mike & Paula's Salisbury DK's 10:30am



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If you see the following family member,  
wish them a

**\*\* *Happy Birthday* \*\***



- Sheri Jones ~ March 10th
- Crissy Clement ~ March 11th
- David Honeycutt ~ March 14th
- David McGill's ~ March 16th
- Delano Spears-Inkeep ~ March 27th