

The Baffle

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- A note from Kim & Delbert
- The night before Christmas
- Save the dates

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Here's to another great year!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the UR family and friends!
This month *Lisa Bailey* joins the UR family. Let's welcome her with as many smile mile opportunities in the New Year as possible!

The Christmas party was a blast and I want to give a huge THANK YOU to all who made this a great success. The food was awesome, decorations great and the fellowship and friends as usual, THE BEST AROUND!! Here's to another great year!

Kim & I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! And until we meet again, check the calendar for other upcoming events, practice good riding habits, which means use those hand signals and as always.....

“Peace be the Journey!”

Delbert Hinshaw



A note from Kim & Delbert

As some of you know Kim and I's oldest Grandchild, who is 7, won \$2500.00 in a school box photo contest. Again thank you to all that voted! Some of the kids at school didn't believe he won so he asked his dad about it one morning on the way to school. This is the conversation that followed:

"Dad, can I bring the check to school so the kids will believe me?"

"That's a lot of money so you'll have to take a picture of it, OK."

"OK! Dad what do people do with a lot of money like that?"

"Well, your mother and I give to the church and try to give to people who really need help."

"Can you buy something for yourself too?"

"Yes you can buy yourself something too."

"How do you know who to help?"

"God will tell you!"

"How when he doesn't really talk?"

"When your quiet and thinking about different things it will come to you."

A moment of silence from the back seat, then

"I know who could still use some help!"

"Who?"

Izzy is a girl the same age as our grandson who moved in across the street a couple of years ago and with her older brother became good friends. About a year ago they discovered a brain tumor. She is now in remission with doctor visit every 3 months. She has had and will have more surgeries to help her with her physical appearance Well being.

"Could I buy a pack of Pok-e- mon cards? Maybe even 3?"

"Yes you can do that."

Another moment of silence, followed by.....

"I know who needs some help. That family with 4 kids that your friend was talking about the other day, that is living in a camper at the back of a warehouse somewhere. I'm sure that they could use some help!"

Dad was overwhelmed with emotion over the generosity and kindness of his son. He was also amazed at his 7 year old son's knowledge of a conversation he had days earlier with a friend. That his son was nearby, much less paying attention, was a surprise to him.

THE VP'S CORNER "Merry Christmas"

Hello everyone! It's that crazy 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. That Friday we drove up towards Boone and picked out a tree. This has turned out to be an annual tradition with our kids and grandkids. Then on Sunday we put the tree up and decorate the house. Before I knew it, it was Monday and I was back at work. This Saturday we will have all the nieces and nephews over for our annual cookie day. My goal for the next few weeks is to try and slow down, take a breath and enjoy the Holiday Season.

This past Saturday, the club had their Christmas party. The food was awesome and I think everyone had a great time. I especially liked the dirty Santa. Just hearing the laughter and the "sales pitches" really makes this game the best part of the party.

Two weeks ago I was able to go to the Mills Home ride. I must say it's one of my favorite toy rides. The ride was as big as ever. But the best part of the ride, is making Christmas better for the kids. Although we didn't make it to the home, I know we definitely contributed to their Christmas joy. Just knowing the little bit everyone does to make these kids feel loved and special on Christmas morning, does my heart good.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas this year, and I hope we can all spread the joy of the season to as many as possible.



Live Free ~ Ride Free

Dale Jones



What does my helmet actually protect? *By Kathy Blackburn*

A: Choosing to wear or not wear a helmet is a matter of legal requirements, as well as personal decision-making. The information to follow is presented for those who are required to wear a helmet or choose to do so.

Helmets come in three general flavors: half helmets, three-quarters and full-face (including modulars here, too). We can assume that helmets purchased with a DOT, Snell or ECE certification (or a combination) meet certain standards in terms of structural integrity and force dissipation. Force dissipation means that when a helmet bangs against something like the ground, that energy is managed by the helmet components to decrease the amount that is transmitted to your scalp, skull, brain and in part, spinal column (bones of your spine) and spinal cord (the soft bundle that transmits nerve impulses). Moreover, a helmet cannot protect what it does not cover; seems simple and obvious but important in decision-making.

Your brain has three main parts — the cerebrum, the cerebellum and the brain stem. The cerebrum is the top part of your brain. The uppermost layer (the cerebral cortex) is where all of the nerve cells have their cell bodies, with the rest of the cerebrum composed mostly of extensions from those cell bodies. Specialized groupings along the surface of your brain control different functions, like movement of your head, arms or legs, as well as different parts of your personality, the music lessons from fourth grade, and how you interpret what you see. Your brain is encased in its own “helmet” — your skull. Half-helmets generally cover the top part of your brain (cortex) but not the cerebellum and the brain stem.

The cerebellum is the part of your brain that is essential in balance, while the brain stem is that part that keeps you alive. It is important to understand that the cell bodies in the cortex of both the cerebrum and the cerebellum pass their extensions (neurons or nerves) through the brain stem. Therefore, even very tiny injuries to the brain stem can damage huge areas of the rest of the brain as the nerves are very tightly packed. Think of it like a highway with lots of feeder routes and on ramps that get blocked by an accident that takes out three of the four highway lanes. Injury to your brain stem works a lot like that, except we do not know how to clear the highway and restore normal operation.

Three-quarter helmets cover all of these areas but not your face below your forehead. Some have faceplates that snap on or rotate into place. These will at least protect you from bugs and road debris, as well as the cigarette flicked out of the car ahead of you. However, their structural strength in terms of protecting the bony structures of your face are less than what you would have in a full-face helmet. Let's assume that you wear appropriate eye protection. This leaves the soft tissues of your face, as well as your teeth and bones, outside of a protective shell. Well, soft tissue heals and the bones, if broken, are really just a fracture, so what is the big deal?

The bones of your face do more than make some of us appropriate for modeling on the runway or for energy drink sponsors. They serve as points of attachment for the muscles of your face that are essential for everything from facial expression, eyelid closing, speaking, chewing, and swallowing, to name a few. Facial reconstruction is a rapidly evolving art form that uses three-dimensional modeling and even 3D printers, in certain circumstances. A titanium 3D-printed prosthesis was used to [reconstruct the face of a Brazilian motorcyclist](#) who suffered a devastating injury in June, 2015. Bones from other locations (such as a rib, or the lower leg such as the tibia) may be used to recreate things like a jawbone. Joints, such as the temporomandibular joint (hinge joint at the top of your jawbone where it connects to your skull), when damaged, are much more difficult to return to normal.

Perhaps more importantly, when your face bears the brunt of the impact, a substantial portion of the force is transmitted to your skull and therefore your brain. Full-face and to a somewhat (minimally) lesser extent, modular helmets, distribute this force through the helmet substructure and markedly reduce what gets to your brain. Why are modular helmets less able to dissipate force than full-face helmets, you ask? This is related to the mobile component that rotates about a hinge. When there are two pieces, the force transmission is not as uniform as when there is only a single element. How much different, you want to know? That varies depending on the hinge mechanism, how tight the fit happens to be, and even the hinge material (metal is better than plastic here). Also, few want to volunteer for the experiment.

Other things influence the transmitted force, such as the direction of impact, how many impacts occur, and whether there is sliding that diminishes the last impact that leads to you stopping. If you dismount at 55 mph and are launched into a Jersey barrier head-first, there is much more force than if you hit the asphalt, slide for 100 feet and then hit your head into the same barrier. Of course, the full face-helmet will also keep you from tearing off parts of your face during a face-down slide.

The goal here is to not direct you towards one helmet or another, but instead to better inform you of how to assess your own risk-benefit ratio in picking the helmet that is right for your head. None of the helmets do much for your cervical (neck) spine, but that is a topic for another day. Prior concerns that having a full-face helmet would jeopardize your spinal cord, since the helmet was difficult to remove, have been addressed by an emergency-release feature that helps EMS workers safely remove your helmet while keeping your spine aligned.

Choose the helmet that fits your needs, your riding style and your personal risk-benefit ratio. If you choose to ride without a helmet, enjoy the breeze — and the bugs — but please, at least wear glasses or goggles with UV blockage and sunscreen!



Ride Safe and Peace On...

Twas the night before Christmas.....Biker style



Twas the night before Christmas, and out in the garage.
 Two V Stars were sitting, a V Twin montage.
 But all of the streets, they were covered with snow.
 Not a safe place to ride, not a spot on the road.



The tenders were plugged in and humming away.
 Keepings batteries charged on that cold winter day.
 The chrome was all shiny, the paint bright and clean,
 But the weather outside, it was nasty and mean.



Then out in the yard I heard such a sound,
 But how can that be, there was no-one around?
 Out in the driveway was a thunderous roar,
 The unmistakable sound of a V Twin, big bore.



The driver was plump dressed in leather and black.
 A long beard of white and a big leather sack.
 He went to the house and walked right through the door,
 Leaving gifts by the tree and gifts on the floor.

A helmet and shield and a new set of lights,
 To make the ride safe on those warm summer nights.
 A new set of pipes just to make the bike sing.
 Chrome license plate cover, a bit of new bling.

Then back to his Bagger, old Biker Clause ran.
 He fired it up and lifted the stand.
 And I heard him exclaim as he roared out of sight.
 Safe riding to all, and to all a good night.

~ WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS ~

Do You KNOW? , *By Sandy Batton*

1. When did Harley-Davidson first start selling sidecars to go along with its bikes?
A) 1901 B) 1914 C) 1939 D) 1955

2. Which city in the American Midwest is home to the Harley-Davidson museum?
A) Milwaukee B) Madison
C) Chicago D) Detroit

3. Which of these major motorcycle manufacturers is NOT based in Japan?
A) Honda B) Suzuki C) Zongshen D) Yamaha

4. What famous actor drove a motorcycle over a German prison camp's fence in 1963's "The Great Escape"?
A) Steve McQueen B) Marlon Brando
C) James Dean D) Charlie Chaplin

5. What Rolling Stone Magazine writer rode with the Hell's Angels for a year in order to write a tell-all book?
A) Cameron Crowe B) Hunter S. Thompson
C) Truman Capote D) Lester Bangs

6. Which of these actors did NOT star as a biker in the 1969 classic road film, "Easy Rider"?
A) Jack Nicholson B) Dennis Hopper
C) Henry Fonda D) Robert De Niro

7. What is the approximate ratio of motorcycles to cars worldwide?
A) 2 bikes for every 1 car B) 1 bike for every 2 cars
C) 1 bike for every 3 cars D) 1 bike for every 10 cars

ANSWER KEY
 1. 1914
 2. A) Milwaukee
 3. C) Zongshen
 4. A) Steve McQueen
 5. Hunter S. Thompson
 6. D) Robert De Niro
 7. 1 Bike for every 2 cars

Save the date

December 2017

December 31st - NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Come join us for a fun filled night and ring in the New Year right.

Kim & Delbert have graciously opened their home for us.

Playing games & your favorite cocktail (example: Bailey's / Coffee - Margaritas - Spiked Egg Nog) What ever you like... Bring your favorite snack / Finger food to munch the night away.

We have a few great games to play & plenty of songs to sing...

Best of all, we'll be together in comfortable surroundings..

Starts at 7pm

Stay the whole night to ring in the New Year or just a short visit.....We just hope to see you there.....

Location:

Kim & Delberts House

2604 Briarcreek Road, High Point, NC 27265, USA

Save the date

January 2018

January 14th ~ Sunday Funday Dinner

Come join us for our Monthly Sunday Funday Dinner. Kabuto's Restaurant. PLEASE RSVP - Each table can accommodate 12 and we'll need to make reservations.. A fun night after all the craziness of the holiday's are over... Hope you can join us!

Kabuto's Japanese Steak House
1617 Stanley Rd, Greensboro, NC 27407, USA

January / February ~ Tubing

If you are interested in going to the mountains for a day of Tubing, let us know... We are working on putting a day trip together.

If there's an open weekend & the weather is nice, Please post a ride or even dinner in case others want to join you.....

No one left behind!

From now on *****

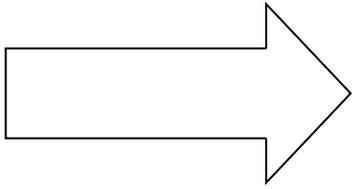
ALL UR EVENTS ARE 2 wheels or 4 wheels, whatever you're comfortable driving in or on.

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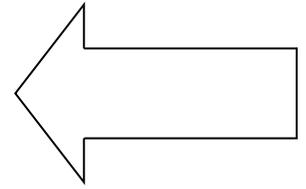
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Committee By-law workshop
3 Mill's Home Toy Ride DK Cycles 11pm or Speedway 11:30pm	4 Alan Sanders Birthday	5	6	7 UR Bus Meeting	8	9 Brenners Hopsital Toy Ride Biscuitville at 9:30Am UR Christmas Party Happy Hollow Commu- nity Center 5PM
10	11	12	13 BK Gaither's Birthday Erik Gray's Birthday	14 UR Open Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20 Charlene Hobb's Birthday	21	22	23
24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30
31 UR NEW YEARS EVE PARTY 7PM						

JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2	3	4 UR Bus Meeting	5 Cathy Gavel's Birthday	6
7 Delbert Hinshaw's Birthday	8	9	10	11 UR Open Meeting	12	13
14 UR - Sunday Funday Dinner Kabuto's 5PM Rick Miller's	15	16	17 Mark Swaney's Birthday Lisa Bailey's Birthday	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Denise Lynch's Birthday	29 Joey Steele's Birthday	30 Duane Burnette's Birthday	31			



For Sale

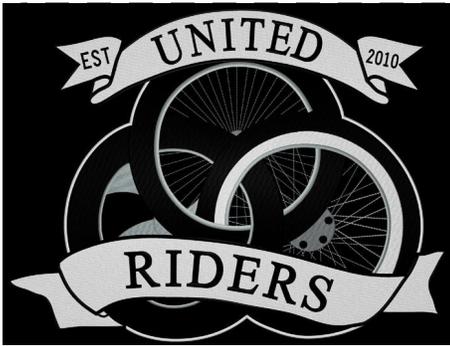


Beautiful solid wood dining room set, table with leaf, six chairs and hutch...asking \$450. Located in Troy, NC ~ See Sandy Batton for details



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Riding Club**

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High Point, NC 27263

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The UR Garage
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 ***

Alan Sanders ~ December 4th

BK Gaither ~ December 13th

Erik Gray ~ December 13th

Charlene Hobbs ~ December 20th