



The Baffle

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Love in the Air
- Live to Ride
- Save the dates

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“May your Roads be long & winding”

It's February and that means Valentine's Day which means another great opportunity for a blast with UR family At the annual Valentines dinner.

I know I've said this before but this is always a good time. Look forward to seeing you all there.

This is the last day to pay your 2016 dues so let's make sure we all get that done.

A lot of good things are in the works for the rides coming up this year.

Keep your eye on the calendar so you can make arrangements for as many smile miles as possible.

We also have dinner rides and a bowling night coming soon to help UR get

through the cooler months with some friends, family and fun.

May your roads be long and winding & Until then remember to practice good riding habits and use those hand signals, the UR member's life behind you may depend on it.

Here's to warmer weather and the open road!!

As always,

“Peace be the Journey”

Delbert Hinshaw



THE VP'S CORNER "Love is in the Air"

Hello everyone!

It's the season for celebrating love. Valentine's Day is next week. Make sure to celebrate with that special someone in your life.

Don't forget the Valentine's party next Saturday night with the club. It's always sure to be a good time, with lots of laughs and good company. Make sure to come and celebrate with that special someone in your life.

Thank goodness we have made it thru another January. It's definitely not one of my favorite times of the year.

The holidays are over, and the days are short, and it's seems all I do is go to work and go home.

I was hoping that Punxsutawney Phil would see his shadow last week, but unfortunately he didn't. Which (if you believe that) means another six weeks of winter. Let's hope he's wrong.

We are making plans for the spring and summer. It looks like we will have a lot to look forward to very soon.

Be sure to share any ideas or destinations that you think the club would like to do.

We have a great group of friends in the club, and there will be lots of memories to be made this year.

So hang on guys, warm weather and fun are just around the corner.



WORDS TO LIVE BY

What lies behind us
And what lies beneath us
are
Tiny matters compared to
What lies within us.
Live Free ~ Ride Free

Live to Ride, Ride to Live

by Sandy Batton

Just a little something fun to get those open road dreams and memories jumping around in our heads....



Ride to Live, Live to Ride Twisted Sister
Hard roads and endless lines flow through
his veins Cold steel and hot fuel injected 's the dream that fills his brain
But no, not slow, the speed fever grows He rides, he sees, he knows ...
You've got to ride to live.....live to ride Feel the flames burn inside And
though you know, you ride to hide...

You ride to live to ride..... Life's short and goes too fast, most pages
burn Don't wait, the end's too near, some people never learn You all
won't fall, the road fever calls So run or fly, don't crawl You've got to ride
to live, live to ride Feel the flames burn inside And though you know,
you ride to hide

You ride to live to ride..... Ride on and don't look back, you can't change
what's done Drive hard for greater glories, you all must be someone So
win, don't show, let the life fever go...

The world is yours you know You've got to ride to live, live to ride Feel
the flames burn inside And though you know, you ride to hide You ride
to live to You've got to ride to live, live to ride Feel the flames burn inside
And though you know, you ride to hide You ride to live to ride

Songwriters: Dee Snider

"TRAFFIC SIGNALS THAT IGNORE MOTORCYCLES"

by *Kathy Blackburn*

You wait. You wait. The light won't turn green.

Traffic signal sensors that don't detect motorcycles are one of the minor hassles of riding that most people in cars never become aware of. But here are a couple of tips for dealing with the problem, both immediately and in the long term.

Traffic sensors and how they work

Those rectangular or round markings you see in the pavement at stop lights are actually sensors that let the signals know when someone is waiting. In some cases, they are only placed in left-turn lanes. If someone is waiting to turn left, the signal gives a left-turn arrow. Otherwise, it's just a plain green light. In other cases, such as intersections that aren't very busy, through lanes have sensors and the side street light will remain red indefinitely, if no one is waiting to cross the busier main street.

That can be a problem for us, and it's because of how the sensors work. Those lines you see are where wires are buried two to four inches deep in the pavement. A current flows through the wires and changes in the electromagnetic field of the loop are caused when a vehicle passes over it or stops above it.

No problem with cars and trucks, but with motorcycles, which have less conductive material (and bicycles are worse yet), the signal may not detect the motorcycle if the sensitivity, which is adjustable, is set too low.

When that happens, you're stuck at a red light that may never change.

So what can you do?

First of all, stop your motorcycle with the wheels lined up with one of the cuts in the pavement. This puts the maximum possible amount of conductive material above the wire loop. If you stop in the center of the square, you're making the sensor's job more difficult.

If that doesn't work, it's time for additional measures. If you're stuck at a light, and there's a car behind you, edge as far forward as possible and wave to the driver to move forward so the car's wheels are inside the sensor loop. Usually, the driver is clueless about what you're doing, but some pointing at the pavement and the light sometimes cuts through the fog.



"TRAFFIC SIGNALS THAT IGNORE MOTORCYCLES" Con't *by Kathy Blackburn*

Some states have passed laws that allow a motorcyclist to pass through a red light in a safe manner if it fails to recognize your presence. You can check your state's laws with this [chart maintained by the American Motorcyclist Association...](http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Rights/State-Laws-Database)<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Rights/State-Laws-Database>

As a longer term solution, if there's a light on your daily route that refuses to recognize your presence, do yourself and fellow riders a favor and try to get it adjusted. You may have to make a few calls. Depending on where you live and whether it's a city street or a state highway, it could fall under the jurisdiction of either a local or state government. The Federal Highway Administration..<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/publicroads/08may/02.cfm>. offers suggestions on which sensitivity levels should be used to detect motorcycles. You could also volunteer to meet the engineer at the site with your motorcycle for some real-world testing to make sure the sensor is set properly.

Can we buy our way out of this problem?

After all, isn't that the American way? There's a product for everything, right?

You can buy magnets that you attach to the bottom of a motorcycle that will supposedly trip the sensor, when your motorcycle alone is not enough. These are sometimes packaged with far fancier descriptions, but basically they're magnets.

Do they work? They might and might not depending on the sensitivity and programming of the signals in your area. The magnets are not to be confused with the gray-market infrared emitters you may have heard of that promise to pave your way with a sea of green lights spreading before you. These devices, which mimic ones used by emergency vehicles, emit infrared signals to traffic lights so they change to green. If you're thinking of buying one, you should know two things: they're illegal, and only a tiny fraction of traffic lights are equipped to respond to those emitters, anyway.

It's not all bad

Is there an upside to this? Of course. Because we are aware of our surroundings, unlike many drivers who don't know sensors exist and think stop lights work by magic, we can use this knowledge to our advantage. This balances out the occasional inconvenience of a sensor that refuses to recognize us.

Ride Safe & Peace on

Save the date

February 2017

February 11th ~ Kermit's Hot Dog

Take a step back in time.....

Come join us to have a great Hot Dog (or burger) at an old fashion drive in....

Meet at Kermit's @ 5PM

2220 Thomasville Rd (Rt 109), Winston-Salem, NC 27107, USA

February 18th ~ UR 7th Annual Valentines Dinner

Peppermill Cafe, 2600 S Main St, High Point, NC 27263

Feb. 18th, 5pm -9pm

Come enjoy a good meal with your UR family, have fun with a few games well play & win a prize.

Peppermill has always done a great job with taking good care of us.. Hope to see you there...

Save the date

March 2017

March 4th ~ Bowling night

March 18th ~ David Honeycutts Birthday & Brunswick Stew

Arrive anytime after 5pm and bring a lawn chair & drink of choice.

March 26th ~ Seafood Shack in Walkerville

4 PM..details to follow.

From now on *****

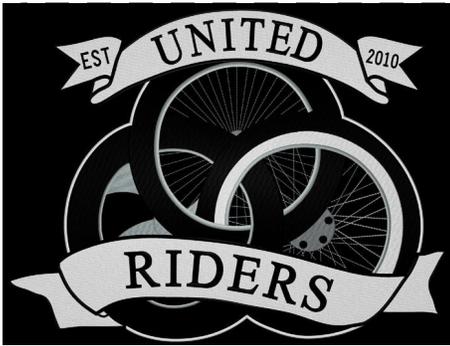
ALL UR EVENTS ARE 2 wheels or 4 wheels, whatever you're comfortable driving in or on.

FEBRUARY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 UR Business Mtg	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 UR Open Mtg	10	11 UR - Kermit's Hot Dogs 5PM
12 Kim Hinshaw's Birthday	13	14 	15	16	17	18 UR - 7th Annual Sweetheart Dinner 5pm
19	20 Presidents's Day	21 Tiffany Clements Birthday	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 UR Business Mtg	3	4 Bowling Details to follow
5	6	7	8	9 UR Open Mtg Sheri Jone's Birthday	10 Crissy Clement's Birthday	11
12 Daylight Saving Time	13	14 David Honeycutt's Birthday	15	16 David McGill's Birthday	17  St. Patrick's Day	18 David Honeycutt's Birthday & Brunswick Stew 5pm
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Seafood Shack in Walkerville 4pm	27 Delano Spears Inskeep's Birthday	28	26	30	31	



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If you see the following family member,
wish them a



*** Happy Birthday ***

Kim Hinshaw ~ February 12th
Tiffany Clement ~ February 21st