



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Parking Lot Practice**
- **24 Tips**
- **Save the dates**

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"Riding Together as a Group"

UR welcomes Felicia Meekins to the family this month. She's waited a little while for a parking lot practice. The ones were washed out but now she's ready for some smile miles! Speaking of PLP, what a great turn out we had! This is just something UR does to keep UR on the same page when riding together as a group. You can never be too prepared! Quite a few of UR fellow members are leaving for some major memory miles in the coming weeks so let's keep these girls and guys in UR prayers and wish them a safe and wonderful journey. The calendar is not as full this month so if you have somewhere you'd like to go, put

it out there and see if there's an interest. You don't know till you ask. Check the calendar for other upcoming events.

Until then.... practice good riding habits, use those hand signals and As always:

"Peace be the Journey!"

Delbert Hinshaw



THE VP'S CORNER "Trips are Almost Here"

Hello United Riders!

Hard to believe it's August. This summer hasn't been as much fun for me as past summers; seems like all I've done is work. My riding time has been severely impacted, but I'm looking for that to change over the next month.

After months of planning and some last minute changes, we will be departing on our Yellowstone trip next week. We will hook up with David and Beverly next Wednesday, and start making our way to Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. We pretty much had our trip planned out until last month. I was able to get a few extra days for our trip, and thought about adding an additional stop. We will be in the south west corner of Montana, and I started checking the distance to Glacier National Park. It's about 450 miles each way. I thought we might be able to do this with my extra days. I called David and his response was "When are we ever going to be that close again?" My thoughts exactly. So we made a few changes, and added this on to the trip. I'm excited about this park because we will get to ride "the going to the sun road, and Bear Tooth Pass in the same trip. These roads are in the top 10 list of



roads to ride on a motorcycle. So let's all say prayers for our trip, and the club's trip to Colorado for safe travels and good weather. I hope everyone who is traveling over the next month, will have a great time and bring back tons of memories.

WORDS TO LIVE BY:

When life gets complicated

I RIDE

Live Free ~ Ride Free

Dale Jones ~ VP

24 tips to prepare for a long-distance motorcycle ride, By Sheri Sandoval

Packing for your motorcycle trip: what to bring

Since they can't rely on the ample space of a car, motorcyclists have to pack efficiently (and sometimes a bit creatively).

1. Weather-appropriate gear

Depending on the month, you'll want gear to deal with the sun and heat (cool neck wrap, sunglasses, sunscreen), the cold and rain (gloves, long underwear, heated vest liner, waterproof outerwear, etc.), or often both.



2. Maintenance supplies

Tire inflation kit, tool kit, jumper cables, bike cover, and motor oil are some basics to consider. If you're particularly handy, you might also include things like spare spark plugs, replacement fuses, or a clutch cable.

3. Personal comforts

Motorcycling is all about traveling light, but there may be some personal items you need to ride comfortably (and safely) — toiletries, lip balm, ear plugs, or others.

4. Emergency supplies

Include a first-aid kit, list of personal contacts and medications, waterproof matches, emergency blanket, energy bars, water, flashlight, and phone charger.

5. Roll up clothing

By rolling up your personal clothing, you'll be able fit more than you can by folding.

6. Choose synthetic clothing over cotton

They dry much faster after being washed or rained on.

7. Compare lists with other riders

Don't needlessly duplicate items with your spouse or riding buddies, and look for things you can share (toothpaste, sunscreen, etc.).

8. Buy instead of pack

If you're short on room, leave cheaper items at home that can simply be purchased at a convenience store.

9. Arrange your gear low and toward the front

This is the bike's center of gravity. Dispensing your stuff evenly in this area will help you ride smoothly, even with the added weight.

10. Group similar items in zipper-lock plastic bags

Your stuff can be arranged more neatly and is easier to access.

11. Get a bag guard for saddlebags

Even if they hang clear of your tires when sitting in the garage, saddlebags can suffer tire burns during your ride as they move about.

12. Situate luggage safely

Avoid hanging saddlebags around drive chains or exhaust pipes, or strapping items to the front fender and blocking airflow to the engine. It never hurts to use extra straps to keep bags or other items secure.

13. Arrange items based on when you'll need them

Accessing a right-side saddlebag is safer than reaching toward the left (and closer to oncoming traffic). Keep items you might need while riding on the right and others on the left.

14. Use trash bags

If your luggage isn't waterproof, a trash bag makes a fine (if less handsome) option.

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24 tips to prepare for a long-distance motorcycle ride

Cont'd By Sheri Sandoval

Getting your bike ready to roll

Your journey hinges on your motorcycle's performance, so make sure your hog is up to the task.

15. Note your bike's load limits

Your owner's manual and VIN plate should both list the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). This is the maximum total weight your bike should carry at one time. Try to stay under this limit.

16. Tighten suspension accordingly

Stiffening the suspension is a good countermeasure as your luggage, racks, and other items transform how your bike handles.

17. Inflate the tires

The tire pressure you usually maintain while riding about town may not be enough for your bulky, long-distance trip, so check the instructions in your owner's manual and adjust as needed.

18. Aim your headlamp

With gear strewn about, make sure not to block the path of your headlamp.

19. Inspect key components

** Give your bike a good once-over:

** Check the belt or chain for weak spots

** Test the spark plugs

** Look at the fluid level in each battery cell (and charge the battery if you haven't ridden in a while)

** Clean or replace dirty air filters

** Fill up low fluids

** Lubricate the brake and clutch cables

** Ensure all lights are working

20. Go for a test ride

This is the best way to know what to expect when you set off (and what needs adjusting so you can make it past the driveway).

Plotting the finer details

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21. Map out a route

We're guessing you probably haven't decided to quit your job and roam the highways full time. In which case, you'll likely need to map out your basic route so you can keep yourself on at least a loose schedule.

22. Bring proper documents if crossing the border

Heading into Canada or Mexico? Don't forget your passport, other necessary documents, and maybe even some local currency.

23. Plan sleeping arrangements

Whether camping outdoors or living the motel life, figure out which towns offer places to stop ahead of time.

24. Find your fill-up spots

Gas stations can be few and far between on scenic back roads, so scout your path before you leave or bring along a touring map that lists where to find them.

Bolstering your motorcycle coverage

Don't forget one last crucial item on your motorcycle road trip checklist — strengthening your motorcycle insurance to withstand the risks of the road.

Parking Lot Practice

Creekside Park in Archdale. 214 Park Dr, Archdale, NC 27263

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We will be going to lunch after this practice.

October 20th, 10:00am

Save the date

August 2018

August 11th ~ Sheri's ride to Damascus Va

Come ride with us to Damascus Va. for lunch at the Damascus Diner... Meet at Sheetz in 1400 NC HWY 66 SOUTH, Kernersville, NC at 8AM

The ride will take us from the highway to the back roads of Northern NC / Southern Va with some awesome curves on Rt 58 from the Mouth of Wilson to Damascus. And enjoy a nice lunch before returning home... I hope you all can join us....

August 19th ~ Lunch Ride to 6 Scoops

August 19. Lunch Ride to 6 Scoops in Gibsonville, meet at 2pm at DK's.

August 23rd ~ September 3rd

The Epic Colorado Trip

17 people, 16 bikes, 9 bedrooms, 9 bathrooms, breathtaking views, a whole lotta miles = Allot of great memories!

Save the date

September 2018

September 15th - Lunch Ride ~ Ye Old Country Kitchen

Meet at DK Cycles at 12/noon ~ Ride back roads to a great place for lunch.

October 13th ~ UR Picnic

Hester Park in Greensboro - More details to follow

October 20th - Parking Lot Practice

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If you have somewhere you'd like to ride, please share it so everyone can join you...

AUGUST 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 UR Bus Mtg	3 Tom Swaney's Birthday	4
5	6	7	8	9 UR Open Mtg	10	11 Ride to Demascus Meet at Sheetz in Kernersville @ 8AM Bikers 4 Boobs Ride
12	13	14	15 Robin Berrier's Birthday	16	17 Felicia Meekin's Birthday	18
19 Lunch Ride 6 Scoops Meet at Dk Cycles 2PM	20	21 Lane Kirby's Birthday	22	23 Epic ←—————	24 Colorado —————	25 Trip —————
26 —————	27 —————	28 —————	29 —————	30 —————	31 —————	Return Sept 3rd From Colorado Trip

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Colorado Trip _____
2 Colorado Trip _____	3 Labor Day _____→	4	5 Debra McPherson's Birthday	6 UR Bus Mtg	7	8
9	10 Alyse Ford Birthday	11	12	13 UR Open Mtg	14 Vicki Jackson's Birthday	15 Lunch Ride Ye Old Country Kitchen DK's 12/noon
16 Kathy Blackburn Birthday	17	18	19	20	21	22 Robin Pardella & Bill Hobb's Birthday
23	24	25 Shelley Sitko's Birthday	26	27	28	29
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Robin Berrier ~ August 15th
Felicia Meekins ~ August 17th
Lane Kirby ~ August 21st