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In my studies I spent some time reading Nietzsche. At a certain moment in Nietzsche's life, the idea came to him of what he called 'the love of your fate.' Whatever your fate is, whatever the heck happens, you say, "This is what I need." It may look like a wreck, but go at it as though it were an opportunity, a challenge.

If you bring love to that moment - not discouragement - you will find the strength is there. Any disaster that you can survive is an improvement in your character, your stature, and your life. What a privilege! This is when the spontaneity of your own nature will have a chance to flow. Then, when looking back at your life, you will see that the moments which seemed to be great failures followed by wreckage were the incidents that shaped the life you have now. You'll see that this is really true.

Nothing can happen to you that is not positive. Even though it looks and feels at the moment like a negative crisis, it is not. Life is good,

Don't forget our next "Chapter Gathering" is Wednesday, 15 June!!

Duke and Chela Thompson, Chapter "U" CDs

Ride Meeting Location

Unless otherwise specified, all Saturday rides depart from Yamaha of San Antonio, (YOSA), 15564 I-35 N between Evans Rd and Olympia Parkway. Check the website at www.texaschapteru.org for ride information.

Friday Night Rides

Meet at your favorite place to eat, all are pre-destined rides that are scheduled every other Friday of the month. So be sure to let Jack and Linda know where you would like to see the Chapter meet up for a Friday night dinner ride!

Chap "U" Gatherings

3rd Wednesday of each month at the La Cabana Restaurant, just outside of Cibolo, TX; 170 Buffalo Pl, Cibolo, TX. 78108. We "Meet-to-Eat" at 6:00 with "Information Sharing" beginning at 7:00 pm. Hope to see "U" there! Next Chapter Gathering is 15 June 11.



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Summer isn't officially here until June 21, but the unofficial date was May 30, Memorial Day. Wonder if it will be just as hot and dry beginning June 21. You don't need to answer that. Many of us will be going on vacation in 2, 3 and 4 wheelers and having a really good time. Some of us will be staying around home still wanting to ride our 2, 3 and 4 wheelers.

So, with the heat the way it is here in our area, our Ride Coordinators are planning more early morning rides to include breakfast or early lunches. For breakfast, the rides may start a bit earlier than usual. We would like to try to have everyone home by lunch/early afternoon to avoid the heat. If you have a place you favor or would like to try, let Maria/Ron or us know and we can plan a ride around it—doesn't matter in which direction. We want to give everyone the chance to ride together and also to visit with fellow Chapter members. We'll just have to hang in there for the cooler weather and the longer rides.

Safe Riding, Stay Cool, & HAPPY FATHERS' DAY.

Ken & Connie Jordan, ACD's – TX Chapter U



Sharing the Road Driver Safety tips for Motorcycle Safety

☉ **March 8, 2011 01:15 by Texas Driver Safety**
Texas Defensive Driving, Texas Drivers Safety Course tidbits

Now that the warmer weather is around the corner and motorcyclists are out in force throughout the country, motorists and other road users are reminded to look out for and "share the road" with motorcycle riders, while motorcycle riders are reminded to follow the rules of the road and wear safety helmets and other protective gear that will increase their visibility. ALL road users are reminded to never drive, ride, bike or walk while distracted. By increasing safe riding and cooperation between all motorists and motorcyclists, we can reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation's highways.

Share The Road

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has developed model "Share the Road" language by reviewing material used by motorcycle safety agencies and national organizations that have a vested interest in motorcycle safety. NHTSA identified the common themes and language from this material that serve to effectively convey the importance of sharing the road safely with motorcyclists.

We encourage local, State, and national organizations to use the following model "Share the Road" language in their motorist awareness programs. Road users are reminded to never drive, bike or walk while distracted. Doing so can result in tragic consequences for motorcyclists.

A motorcycle has the same rights and privileges as any other vehicle on the roadway.

Allow the motorcyclist a full lane width. Although it may seem there is enough room in the traffic lane for an automobile and a motorcycle, remember the motorcycle needs the room to maneuver safely. Do not share the lane.

Motorcycles are small and may be difficult to see. A motorcycle has a much smaller profile than a vehicle, which can make it more difficult to judge the speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle.

Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic. This allows the motorcyclist to anticipate traffic flow and find a safe lane position. Remember that a motorcyclist can be hidden in a vehicle's blind spot or missed in a quick look due to its smaller size. Always make a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections.

Don't be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle – motorcycle signals may not be self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed.

Remember that road conditions that are minor annoyances to motorists can pose major hazards to motorcyclists. Motorcycle riders may change speed or adjust position within a lane suddenly in reaction to road and traffic conditions such as potholes, gravel, wet or slippery surfaces, pavement seams, railroad crossings, and grooved pavement.

Allow more following distance -- three or four seconds -- following a motorcycle so the motorcycle rider has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. In dry conditions, motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars.

Motorcyclist Deaths Are Rising

In 2008 motorcyclist fatalities increased for the 11th straight year.

During 2008, 5,290 motorcyclists lost their lives in fatal highway crashes

With a little practice you can get used to riding in the rain. Not that any of us really want to but it is nice to know that we can do it if we have to. You will develop a feel for how you bike handles and will know if you are slipping or not and when to adjust. What is the key if you have to ride in the rain? ***Ride straight up and slow!!!***

Nearly 50 percent of all motorcycles involved in fatal crashes collided with other types of motor vehicles in transport. In two-vehicle crashes, 77 percent of the motorcycles involved were struck in the front. Only 7 percent were struck in the rear.

Over 90 percent of all fatal two-vehicle crashes involving a motorcycle and a passenger vehicle occurred on non-interstate roadways.

Approximately 50 percent of all fatal two-vehicle crashes involving a motorcycle and a passenger vehicle were intersection crashes.

In 2008, there were 2,387 two-vehicle fatal crashes involving a motorcycle and another type of vehicle. In 41 percent of these crashes, the other vehicle was turning left while the motorcycle was going straight, passing, or overtaking the vehicle. Both vehicles were going straight in 28 percent of the crashes.

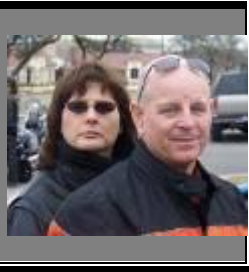


**Ride Safe & Have Fun!
Brad & Jill Severe
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Community Service Corner

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Americans have always valued community service. It is the desire to be able to serve a purpose that is not confined by the boundaries of "self." It is being an active participant in the community and its well-being. Cutting across age groups and backgrounds, there are a vast number of people that volunteer their services at hospitals, schools, churches and non-profit organizations.

Community service can be anything--when you volunteer to form emergency teams in your neighborhood or build homes for the poor or teach children with special needs or even when you join the drive to keep your neighborhood clean, you are doing something for your community.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the US Census Bureau, the percentage of adult volunteers was 26.7 percent in 2006. Americans are volunteering today like never before and the baby boomers and those over 65 years form a large fraction of this population. Another survey says that 44 percent of the 55+ population volunteer at least once in a year. There are many volunteer organizations that prefer the services of older adults and retirees as they are able to devote a lot of time to these services.

So Chapter "U", let's look for some projects we can do together. This group of Chapter members has so many different skills that we should be able to accomplish anything that we put our hearts towards.

Hope to see you on our next ride.

**Archie and Sharon Haley
Chapter U Community Service**



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Saturday, 11 June - Ride to Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard in Elmendorf with tour, will stop and have breakfast first. Depart YOSA at 9:00 AM.

Saturday, 18 June - "A Tribute to Our Troops" ride. Meet at YOSA at 8:00 AM. Ride to the Community Resource & Rec Center at Canyon Lake. Ride will be the "River Run" with a cost of \$10. Will have breakfast tacos, poker run, and raffle with BBQ dinner at \$8 a plate. Also have dance that evening for \$15. Proceeds will benefit Fisher House and CRRC.

Saturday, 25 June - Ride to Sisterdale Trade Days with breakfast in Boerne along the way. Depart Exxon at 281 & 46 at 8:00 AM.

Thanks to Maria Delaughter for helping us put together our Chapter "U" rides!!!



Folks it's time to start riding again. On designated nights we will meet at Pickrell Park Pavilion and ride to our "Eat" location. Of course everyone's always welcome to just meet us at the restaurant. We look forward to seeing all of you on the 2nd & 4th Friday of each month. As always, arrival time at the restaurant is 6:30PM. See you there!!!

Friday, 17 June - Meet "N" Eat will be at **Chuy's** located at 14855 IH 35 N San Antonio TX. Meet at Chuy's at 6:30 PM.

Friday, 1 July - Meet "N" Eat will be at **Sea Island Shrimp House** located at 8223 Agora Pkwy (Forum) Selma TX. Meet at the restaurant at 6:30 PM.





June

Michele Fairey	03rd
John Navin	27th
Elana Goralewicz	28th
Anthony Stokely	28th
Susan Ochs	30th

**If we don't have your birthday listed
please let us know!**



Mike & Joyce Whiteside	13th
Tom & Nancy Byrd	27th
John & Lydia Harris	30th
Mike & Ako Mills	30th

**If we don't have your anniversary
listed, please let us know!**



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