



US SPYDER RYDERS

Northwest Arkansas Chapter Bylaws



MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of the US Spyder Ryders – Northwest Arkansas Chapter is to promote pride of ownership and enjoyment of riding Can-Am Spyders. We accomplish this objective with organized rides and events, and active participation as Spyder Ryders within our local communities in civic events such as parades and charity based group rides. As a Chapter, we will help grow the Spyder community by developing a mutually beneficial relationship with our local dealers wherever possible. As individuals, we will help develop public acceptance and appreciation for our very unique machines.

BYLAWS

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Northwest Arkansas Chapter of US Spyder Ryders is free to any NWA-based Spyder owner interested in meeting with other Spyder owners for the purpose of riding together and helping promote Spyder ownership and enjoyment in and around the area. Participation in rides and events is purely voluntary. Since the purpose of the Chapter is to promote the ownership and enjoyment of Spyders, non-Spyder-owners may not become members. However, they may participate in Chapter activities at the invitation of an existing member and upon approval by the event Leader and signing a Release of Liability Waiver.

To be a Chapter member means inclusion in the Chapter contact database and the right to purchase, wear and display Club insignia. The only requirement of membership is to own and ride a Spyder. Members may withdraw from membership at any time and for whatever reason, in which case the Member will be marked 'inactive'. Members will also be marked as 'inactive' and removed from communication distribution lists if the Chapter becomes aware the Member has not participated in any Chapter events or rides for a year or more. Inactive members may apply for reinstatement at any time by contacting the Chapter by email.

Membership and level of participation is purely voluntary and the Chapter has no rules per se. Members are expected to respect and honor Chapter ideals of behavior while displaying Chapter insignia or participating in Chapter rides and events as follows;

1. Friendly, supportive and courteous behavior toward others, including Chapter Leaders, other Members, Dealers and their staff, and the general public. Anyone whose behavior brings dishonor or disapproval upon the Chapter will be asked to alter their behavior or leave the Chapter and cease displaying Chapter insignia.
2. Financially responsibility. Members are expected to obtain and maintain adequate liability and property insurance coverage as per the laws of Arkansas.
3. Safe and sane riding. Members will observe applicable traffic laws and riding safety standards, seeking to exceed public expectations for responsible riding wherever possible. When riding as part of a group, Members will observe standard group riding practices, such as spacing and signaling.
4. Skillful riding. Members will strive to constantly improve their riding skills and will support each other in doing so.

DUES

At the present time, the Northwest Arkansas Chapter of US Spyder Ryders is a social riding club. There are no dues required. A 50/50 donation will occasionally be put in place at the discretion of the Ride Leader of each ride to raise funds for any expenses the club may incur. Any leftover funds from the donation will be used for an "End of the Year" party for members. Should the Chapter grow, evolve, and its operational needs change, the subject of dues will be revisited.



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COMMUNITY SERVICE

In order to raise public awareness and appreciation for Spydery and Ryders, Members are encouraged to support civic events such as parades, and charity events sponsored by local dealer(s).

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

Some structure is necessary for the organization to function effectively. This structure consists of volunteer Leaders who assume the duties required in both an ongoing and ad hoc basis. Currently, there is a Chapter Organizer who is undertaking the primary task of building membership and sponsorship and organizing and leading rides and other events. As the Chapter develops and grows in the number of members and events, some members will be asked to take the initiative to develop and lead rides and events within their own areas of interests (e.g. long-distance touring, camping, etc) or assume responsibility for tasks within their area of expertise and interest (e.g. database management, outreach, dealer relationships, social media, etc.) There is no formal hierarchy; those who want to lead will and those who don't won't. The leadership 'team' as such will work together as peers to develop and administer events, rides and programs that benefit and are supported by the membership.

MEDIA SITES

All club media sites (including but not limited to Facebook and Club websites) will be used solely to promote the operations and events of this club. Any comments on these sites deemed inappropriate by the Webmaster and Chapter Organizer will be removed.

ACCEPTANCE OF BYLAWS:

By applying for membership in the Northwest Arkansas Chapter of US Spyder Ryders, Applicant acknowledges and accepts these guidelines for participation in the Chapter and commits to adhere to them to the extent possible. Applicant further understands and acknowledges that Leaders and other members are acting in good faith when organizing and administering the events and affairs of the Chapter and holds harmless any Leader or other member of the Chapter from those acts and / or accidents that may occur as a result of Applicant's participation in Chapter activities.