



US SPYDER RYDERS Central Ohio Chapter



MISSION STATEMENT

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The objective of the US Spyder Ryders – Central Ohio Chapter motorcycle riding club is to promote Can-Am Spyders and Spyder riding while focusing on having fun and at the same time attempting to do the most good for our community and local charities. We accomplish this objective with positive interaction within our community while providing a safe and controlled environment for our members during all our functions. We pride ourselves in the involvement of many community and charitable events. We will have local rides, long distance rides, socials, and fund raiser activities.

BYLAWS

MEMBERSHIP

To become a member an individual must be a Spyder Owner or Spyder Passenger, and accept the Bylaws of the club. Members are required to partake in at least one club supported community service event and at least four group riding events per year to be classified as being in good standings. If the club supported community service event is a riding event that event will qualify as one of the four required riding events. Member may also sponsor up to two Associate Members per calendar year.

Professional and courteous behavior is expected from all members. This includes dealing with fellow members of the club or any affiliate of the club (i.e. charity organizations, other clubs, etc.). Any member not acting in a professional or courteous manner will be subject to review by the Board for possible disciplinary action or membership termination.

Members with Seasonal Residence

As a member of the club, if the member is a seasonal resident within the geographical footprint of the club's home base the member's four group ride requirement will be prorated based on their time in the area. For example:

- 6 to 8 months of the year, a minimum of three riding events of which one must be a community service event.
- 3 to 6 months of the year, a minimum of two riding events of which one must be a community service event.
- 3 months or less, a minimum of one riding event, which may be a community service event. If the one riding event is not a community service event, then the member must donate to a club community service event.

Reinstatement of Membership

Members that have allowed their membership to lapse for greater than six (6) months or that have been seen in the past as a member not in good standing will be reviewed by the Board of Directors before membership is reinstated. Should the Board elect not to reinstate the member's membership, the submitted membership renewal will be returned to the party that submitted them.

Associate Membership

Associate Membership may be attained by a non-Spyder owner via sponsorship of a club member that is in good standings. Associate Members are sanctioned to the same Bylaws as all members. Should the sponsoring member become a member no longer in good standing the associate member's sponsorship can either be transferred to another member in good standings or may reside with the club for the balance of the current year assuming the associate member is in good standings. The associate member will need to secure additional sponsorship for the next calendar year should they wish to continue their membership with the club.

DUES

At the present time, the Central Ohio Chapter of US Spyder Ryders is a social riding club. There are no dues required. Should the Chapter grow, evolve, and its operational needs change, the subject of dues will be revisited. If necessary, the subject of requiring dues will be evaluated, and voted upon by the Board of Directors, as well as the general membership.

WAIVER/INSURANCE

A member agrees to carry insurance coverage to protect themselves, their passengers, and their vehicle, as well as anyone involved in an accident with them. A member also agrees to hold harmless the club and all Board members from any accidents or injuries which occur to the member during club activities.

MEETINGS

The general membership will meet each November to elect officers/board members during the Annual Club Meeting. The Board of Directors will meet at least quarterly to discuss and vote on any operating issues of the club which require their attention. These quarterly board meetings may be either in person or virtual. Should the Board deem they may also call quarterly or special meetings of the membership; these types of meetings should be used to update the general membership on the operation of the club and to also discuss any issues that would require membership input and or vote. Such an event will need to be posted on the club website a minimum of five days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Voting Rights

All voting will be done by all members in good standing that are present at the membership meetings, unless otherwise determined by the Board to allow for proxy votes. All voting will be approved by a simple majority that is present whether voted on by the Board or the general membership depending on the meeting type. In the event of a tie vote, the President will cast the deciding vote.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

While riding and fellowship are a big aspect of the club, we will all commit to supporting our community and charitable causes that the membership or Board deem as club sponsored activities. The club will support a minimum of two charitable organizations per year with funding activities. These two organizations will be voted on by the Board of Directors. Either supported charity must be a 501c3 organization.

OFFICERS

Annually, in the month of November, the membership will elect the following officers into office - President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer (if required). The Board of Directors will then appoint individuals to the positions Road Captain, Event Coordinator, Webmaster, and others as needed (i.e. chaplain, charity coordinator, and photographer). These individuals will comprise the Board of Directors who will run the day to day operations of the club. Officers may perform more than one function, (i.e. Secretary-Treasurer may be the same person) however, will be seen as only one voting member on the Board. Officers will be required to perform the following obligations along with their elected duties:

- Be present for at least six group riding events during the year. Three of which should be in the first six months of the year and three of which should be in the last six months of the year
- Put together two group rides or events within the year that he or she is in office
- Attend a minimum of three Board meetings along with the Annual Club Meeting

Should an officer not fulfill his or her obligations, the Board of Directors may elect to take action and remove the officer from office with a 2/3 vote of all Board Members. Should an officer be removed, a replacement officer may be appointed into office by the Board of Directors for the duration of the term. Notification will be sent to the membership explaining the reason for removal of any officer along with the named replacement should one be named.

Members may only be elected into office if they are in good standings with the club and present for the annual meeting unless unable to attend due to a medical or family issue. Said issue must be submitted to the Secretary of the club at least 5-days prior to the meeting and must also be read to the membership that is present prior to a vote for the position said member is running for.

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 President, or other BOD member, will be removed and notification of the removal will be sent to each Board of Directors along with the member(s) involved. Continued abuse will result in the President suspending member privileges on all media sites along with a review by the Board of Directors for possible further disciplinary action and or termination of membership.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Members may have their membership terminated as a result of disciplinary action, of becoming inactive, and/or a failure to submit required paperwork such as membership forms and liability releases in a timely fashion. Should a member wish to terminate his or her membership, they may do so at any time with written notification to the Secretary. Termination of membership either by the member themselves or by disciplinary action will result in the member forfeiting any access to all club media sites, and will require the return of club/Chapter insignia (patches) to the Chapter Secretary, or other Board of Directors Officer.

ACCEPTANCE OF BYLAWS

I _____ (*member's name*) hereby agree to the bylaws of
US SPYDER

RYDERS on this day the _____ of _____ (*month*)
_____ (*year*).

Signed: _____ (signature)

Printed: _____

If acceptance of Bylaws has been signed by an Associate Member, the name and signature below must be of the sponsoring Member for said Associate Member.

Sponsoring Members Name:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Contact Information for Member / Associate Member Accepting Bylaws:

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____