



# US SPYDER RYDERS

## Southeast Missouri Chapter Bylaws



Established June 2017

### MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of the **Southeast Missouri Chapter of US Spyder Ryders** 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 best 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 promoting a positive image of motorcycling to the community, through the involvement of many community and charitable events. We will have local rides, long distance rides, socials, and fund raiser activities.

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## BYLAWS

### MEMBERSHIP

To become a member, an individual must be a Spyder Owner or Spyder Passenger, pay the annual dues, and accept the Bylaws of the club. Members are required to partake in at least one club supported charity / 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.

To become a member of the **Southeast Missouri Chapter of US Spyder Ryders**, based in Arnold, MO, all drivers must be at least 18 years of age. While focusing on Can-Am Spyders, we invite and welcome ANY AND ALL motorcyclists who ride street-legal, licensed motorcycles, that are able to operate on all highways and interstate highways. (Mopeds and off-road bikes are not included in our group). All members must have at least the minimum legal insurance coverage, complete the membership application, complete the *Trial Membership* requirements (explained below), and be approved by the Board of Directors.

#### *Responsible and Courteous Behavior*

Professional and courteous behavior is expected from all members. This includes dealing with fellow members of the **Southeast Missouri Chapter of US Spyder Ryders** or any affiliate of the club (i.e. sponsoring dealership, 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.

#### *Consumption of Alcohol*

There is to be NO CONSUMPTION of alcohol of any sort at any chapter activity in which the possibility of operating a motor vehicle of any kind is involved. There is to be no consumption of alcohol at chapter meetings.

#### *Disciplinary Action*

Should a member be reported for actions or behavior deemed unbecoming of the chapter, he or she may be placed on suspension by the Board of Directors for a period to be determined by the Board after an investigation of the alleged action or behavior is conducted. The accused member will be given the opportunity to give his or her side of the incident. During any period of suspension, that individual will not be allowed to participate in any chapter rides or other activities. Should any member be suspended by the Board more than twice, the Board may permanently revoke that membership in the chapter and notify that individual in writing of their decision.



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### *Termination of Membership*

Members that have not paid their annual dues by the timeline set under the Dues Section of these Bylaws will be considered inactive and membership will be terminated. Should a member wish to terminate his or her membership, they may do so at any time with written notification to the Board of Directors. Termination of membership either by the member themselves or by disciplinary action will result in the member forfeiting voting privileges, any dues paid and access to all club media sites.

### *Reinstatement of Membership*

Members that have allowed their membership to lapse for greater than 30-days 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 dues with the membership renewal will be returned to the party that submitted them (i.e. either the member or the dealership submitting on behalf of the member).

## DUES

Membership in ***Southeast Missouri Chapter of US Spyder Ryders*** offers both single and dual memberships. With dual memberships, husbands and wives (or significant others) are given full membership status regardless of whether they are Ryders or passengers. Single membership offers full membership rights to that member only, although he or she is welcome to bring a guest. Guests, obviously, do not have membership rights.

The membership period runs from February 1 to January 31 of the following year. The annual dues for ***Southeast Missouri Chapter of US Spyder Ryders*** are **\$36.00 for dual membership, and \$24.00 for single memberships**. Dues are set annually by the Board of Directors. New members voted into the chapter during the course of the year will pay prorated dues from the month they are voted in through the balance of the calendar year at a rate of \$3.00 per month for dual memberships, or \$2.00 per month for single memberships. New membership dues will be due with a month following approval of membership. Annual dues are payable during the month of January each year.

Dues paid are used to fund operating costs of the club, to make charitable contributions, and for any other expense the majority of the Board deems appropriate. Members that have not paid their annual dues by January 31st will be noted as 'inactive' and membership will be terminated.

Trial membership requirements are designed to give interested persons the opportunity to "try us out" to better determine if they truly want to become full members. During this period no dues or membership fees are required. While trial members do not have voting rights at any chapter meetings, they are welcome to offer ideas, suggestions and otherwise participate.

- The *trial member* must attend a minimum of 1 regularly scheduled Chapter Meetings.
- Complete a ***Non-Member Release of Liability Agreement*** Form (Required from each participant regardless of being a Ryder or passenger).
- Participate in 2 designated Chapter Rydes.
- These requirements are to be met within 6 months of beginning the trial membership period.
- The Board of Directors may waive or modify these requirements under special circumstances considered on a case-by-case basis.



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- Adhere to the same chapter rules and regulations as full members.
- Upon completion of these requirements, the chapter membership at large will conduct a vote of admittance at the next regular chapter meeting. Once all requirements for full membership have been met, the ryder's trial status will be upgraded to full 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 Southeast Missouri Chapter of US Spyder Ryders** and it's Board of Directors and/or Officers from any accidents or injuries which occur to the member during club activities.

### MEETINGS

The general membership will meet each January to elect Board Members / Officers 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. Should the Board deem it necessary, 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 / CHARITABLE EVENTS

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 of Directors deem as club sponsored activities. The **Southeast Missouri Chapter of US Spyder Ryders** will support a minimum of two charitable organizations per year with major funding activities. One of those two organizations will be selected by the club's sponsoring dealership and the other will be voted on by the membership of the club during the annual meeting. Either supported charity must be a 501c3 organization. Any member is welcome to offer suggestions of qualifying organizations they feel warrant our support.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS / OFFICERS

The founding members, will serve as the Board of Directors indefinitely.

#### *Officers*

At the January Annual Chapter Meeting, the membership will elect the following officers into office – President, Vice President of Operations, Secretary, and Treasurer and make up the Board of Directors for the term of 1 year. It is important to point out that these Board of Director positions are SERVICE positions. They exist for the benefit of the chapter at large.



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The remaining officer positions listed below are **appointed** by the acting President and Vice President for the same term. The reason these two positions have the authority to appoint the remaining officer positions is to allow them to select individuals whom they feel will work well with them and in the best interests of the chapter as a whole. The appointed officer positions may include: Webmaster, Safety/Ryde Coordinator, Road Captain(s), Tail Gunner(s) and other as needed (ie. chaplain, photographer, charity coordinator). These individuals assist with the day to day operations of the club. Officers may perform more than one function however will be seen as only one voting member. 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

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 a member of the Board of Directors 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.

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 majority 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.

All changes to the bylaws must be approved by the Board. The Board reserves the right to remove any officer who is derelict in their duties, refuses to work harmoniously with the Board of Directors, and/or represents ***Southeast Missouri Chapter of US Spyder Ryders*** in a negative manner.

### 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 the ***Southeast Missouri Chapter of US Spyder Ryders***. Any comments on these sites deemed inappropriate by the Webmaster and President 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 Webmaster and President suspending member privileges on all media sites along with a review by the Board of Directors for possible further disciplinary action and termination of membership.



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### ACCEPTANCE OF BYLAWS:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (*member's name*) hereby agree to the bylaws of

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI CHAPTER of US SPYDER RYDERS** on this day the \_\_\_\_\_ of

\_\_\_\_\_ (*month*) \_\_\_\_\_ (*year*).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Contact Information for Member Accepting Bylaws:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Alt Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Dual Membership – spouse or significant other’s name

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\_\_\_\_\_ Single Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Trial Membership