



# US SPYDER RYDERS

## Central Arkansas Chapter



### MISSION STATEMENT

We are a diverse group of Spyder Ryders, lovers and enthusiasts from all walks of life servicing the Central Arkansas area. The objective of the US Spyder Ryders – Central Arkansas Chapter motorcycle “ryding” club (the “Club”) is to share our interest in Can-Am™ Spyders and Spyder ryding, with an emphasis on having fun, while being committed to doing 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 rydes, long distance rydes, socials and fundraiser activities.

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## BYLAWS

### MEMBERSHIP

To become a member, an individual must be a Can-Am Spyder Owner or Spyder Passenger, pay annual dues and accept the Bylaws of the Club. Members are required to partake in at least one Club-supported community service event and at least two group ryding events per year to be considered in good standing. If the Club-supported community service event is a ryding event, that event will qualify as one of the required ryding 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. 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.

#### *Reinstatement of Membership*

Members who have allowed their membership to lapse for greater than 30 days or who have previously been a member not in good standing will be reviewed by the Board of Directors before membership will be 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).

#### *Associate Membership*

Associate Membership may be attained by a non-Spyder owner via sponsorship of a Club member in good standing. 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 standing or may reside with the Club for the balance of the current year assuming the Associate Member is in good standing.

### DUES

Membership dues are paid in December of each year, covering membership to the Club for the following calendar year (January through December). Anyone joining and paying dues after July 31<sup>st</sup> will be considered paid for the next year. Dues are set annually by the Board; if an annual rate is deemed unsustainable, the Board may vote during the current year to lower that year’s rate at any time. The Board may only look to increase dues during the annual review for the upcoming year. This review will take place during the 3rd quarter of the year, and the outcome will be communicated to the membership upon completion. Dues paid are used to fund operating costs of the Club, to make charitable contributions, and to cover any other expenses the majority of the Board deems appropriate. Members who have not paid their annual dues by December 25th of the current year will be noted as ‘inactive’ and will not have voting rights during the annual meeting.



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### WAIVER/INSURANCE

A member agrees to carry sufficient 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 to the member during Club activities.

### MEETINGS

The general membership will meet each January 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 requires its attention. These quarterly Board meetings may be either in person or virtual. The Board may also call quarterly or special meetings of the membership if deemed necessary; these types of meetings should be used to update the general membership on the operation of the Club and to discuss any issues that would require membership input and/or vote. Such a meeting must be posted on the Club website a minimum of five days prior to the scheduled meeting. All meetings will be conducted using the manner of Robert's Rules of Order (current release).

#### *Voting Rights*

All voting will consist of 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 one charitable organization per year with major funding activities. This organization will be selected by the Club's Board and voted on by the membership of the Club during the annual meeting. Any supported charity must be a 501c3 organization. Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

### OFFICERS

Annually, in the month of January, the membership will elect the following officers into office - President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Directors will then appoint individuals to the positions of Road Captain, Event Coordinator and others as needed (i.e. Chaplain, charity coordinator, photographer, Etc.). 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, 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:

- 1) Be present for at least three group riding events during the year.
- 2) Put together one group ride or event within the year that he or she is in office
- 3) 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 two-thirds 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



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office if they are in good standing 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 Webmaster and/or President will be removed, and notification of the removal will be sent to each Officer along with the name(s) of the member(s) involved. Continued abuse will result in the Webmaster and/or President suspending member privileges on all media sites, in addition to a review by the Board of Directors for possible further disciplinary action and/or termination of membership.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Should a member receive disciplinary action by the Board, said member will not be allowed to participate in Club-supported events for a period to be determined by the Board depending on the offense. If a member received multiple disciplinary actions over a rolling two-year period, said member's membership will be terminated. If the Board feels that the action by the member is conduct unbecoming of the Club, the Board may move to terminate the member's membership. Member(s) being brought up on disciplinary action will have a chance to state their side to the Board during the investigation period.

### **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Members who 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 Secretary. Termination of membership initiated either by the member or by disciplinary action will result in the member forfeiting any dues paid and access to all Club media sites.



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## ACCEPTANCE OF BYLAWS:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (*member's name*) hereby agree to the bylaws of US SPYDER RYDERS –  
CENTRAL ARKANSAS CHAPTER on this day the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (*month*)  
\_\_\_\_\_ (*year*).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (if Officer): \_\_\_\_\_  
(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: \_\_\_\_\_

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