



US SPYDER RYDERS

Smoky Mountain Chapter



MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of the US Spyder Ryders – Smoky Mountain 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, five group riding events, and five Meet and Greet 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 five 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. 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.

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

Annual membership dues are \$25 per member/associate member. Dues are due by January 31st of each year. New members have 30 days after joining to pay their dues. Members joining July 1 through September 30 will have their dues prorated to \$10 for the remainder of the year. Members joining after October 1 will have their fees waived for the remainder of the year. Non-members will be requested to pay a \$10 donation per ride that will be donated directly to Road Warrior Foundation.

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.



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MEETINGS

The general membership will meet each December 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 in the club Facebook group 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 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 major funding activities, with one being Road Warrior Foundation. Either supported charity must be a 501c3 organization.

OFFICERS

Annually, in the month of December, 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 Road Captain, Sergeant at Arms, Tail Gunner, 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 six group riding events during the year and six Meet and Greet events.
- 2) Put together two group rides or events within the year that he or she is in office.
- 3) Attend a minimum of three Board meetings, The Road Warrior Foundation fundraiser, and 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.



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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 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.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Should a member be placed on disciplinary action by the Board, said member will not be allowed to participate in club supported events for a said duration which will be decided by the Board depending on the offense. If a member is placed on 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. During any disciplinary action the member(s) being brought up on disciplinary action will have a chance to state their side during the investigation period.

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 Secretary. Termination of membership either by the member themselves 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 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: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____