



February 2026 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Golden Corral, Eat at 9 a.m. meet at 9:45 a.m. Golden Corral 2530 Chimney Rock Rd Hendersonville

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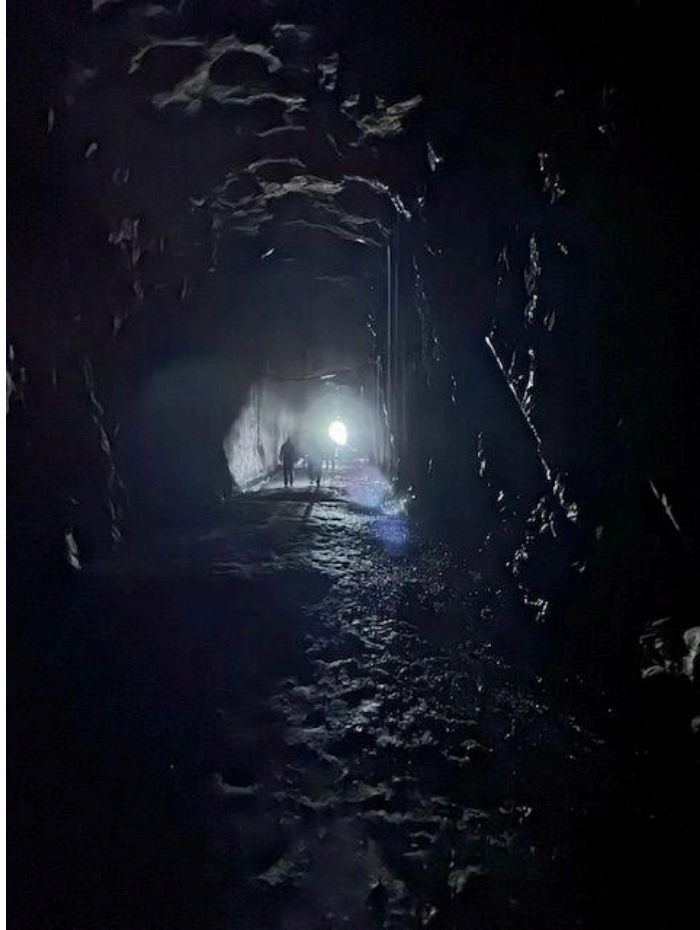
Hello everyone, and welcome to Winter! It's not like they didn't warn us that we would be experiencing some low temperatures and such. Well, the such, in the name of snow and ice is certainly here and making its presence known. Of course, for riding, all the joy is pretty much gone for a bit. Even if the sun is out and the temps get into the 40's, (a guy can hope) the crud on the road makes for long, cold cleaning sessions that really aren't worth the trouble. Come on Spring!!

Of course, maintenance and planning can be done in the meantime. It may still be a little cold in the garage for doing a ton of maintenance, but, planning, that can be done anywhere. Great segue into our Ride Committee meetings, eh? Since we can't be out riding, it is the perfect time to be putting together the Ride Schedule for the year. Please come out and bring your thoughts and suggestions for rides, events, and destinations. We want and NEED your input. This month's ride meeting is on Saturday, February 7th , and we need to finalize ideas and plan the majority of dates at this

upcoming meeting. Please don't miss out on helping the process.

So you know, there is already quite a bit of other types of planning going on that you may or may not be aware of, specifically in the area of training, with regards to riding, first aid, and bike type classes, namely trikes. Dale and Brian W. (our newly appointed Assistant Safety/Ride Coordinator, have been working to nail down availability of courses to benefit our group. Should you see an email from Dale asking for your feedback, whether you think it is good or bad, please respond right away. If we're considering making training available to our membership and we need 15 people to make it possible and we only have interest from 8, well then it doesn't make a lot of sense to spend time and resources for nothing. Same being if you see something that really interests you, make it known to be sure it gets looked into and that you're included when the time comes.

Also coming up this month, we have our Cook's Night Out on Thursday, the 5th . Hopefully the driveways and roads are clear enough, after this weekend's round of storms move through the area, for everyone to get out and join us at the Salty Landing. If we have to cancel, due to road conditions and weather, we will most likely push the date back until Thursday, the 12th . Watch for an email from Rusti notifying of any changes. Fingers crossed that all will be good. Thanks also to Rusti and Gerry for continuing, this year, to keep us fed, with CNOs and Ice Cream, when the time comes!



Unless we're having another winter storm on the 21st , we will be holding our Monthly Gathering at the Golden Corral, as usual. We start eating at 9:00 and begin our meeting at 9:45. I hope that you'll brave the cold and join us. We had a terrific showing with 27 people for last month's gathering,



and I'd like to see that trend continue. Lots of new faces and fortunately, even more of the familiar faces! Come on out and discover what's happening and what we'll be doing in the months ahead.

And if the weather permits,

Ride Safe and Ride Often

Bob



Safety and Ride Coordinator –

Those that wanted Chapter shirts, they have been ordered.

We still will meet every Wednesday for our Hump Day breakfast. During the winter months rides will be scheduled as weather permits. Breakfast is at Egg's Up Grill at 637 Spartanburg Highway at 9:00AM. We do ask for you to let us know by 8:00AM if you are planning to come to breakfast so we can let Eggs-up know how many to expect. We sometimes can be a very large group. You can let us know by e-mail, text or Facebook.

We have scheduled 2 more meetings to put together a ride schedule for 2026. One on

February 7th and the final on March 7th. It will be held at the Salvation Army located at 239 3rd Ave East, Hendersonville, NC. We start at 9:00AM and typically run until about noon. We are still looking to bring to the table ideas for next year's rides. We typically plan two weekend travel rides for the season. We need interesting places to go and see type rides. Places to go eat rides. Challenging rides, Hump day shorter rides and even "Knot 2 Rides" for those that find long rides, challenging rides, fast rides too challenging. ALL members are encouraged to participate. These rides belong to you. In the February meeting we will decide what rides we want to pursue and start putting the calendar together. Decide which overnight rides we want to go on. In the March meeting we will finalize a calendar for the season and get it out to the members. The calendar will include start locations, start times, and estimated miles to the destination to help people decide if they are interested in the rides. The dates, times and location for these meetings have not yet been set, but they will be soon. In a separate article from Brian Wittenburg, my new Assistant Chapter Ride and Safety Coordinator you will see that he has been working on getting us set up for medical safety classes. Please read his article.

One of the things that separate us from other motorcycle riding groups is that we do it in the safest manner. That comes from training and practicing what we teach. During the winter months we will also be looking at training courses that we will be able to present. Marty has found for us a Trike Course for our 3 wheeled friends. A class that we have not had in the past. We already have 3, maybe 4 committed to the class. We are working on final dates with the instructor. We have been in touch with the Trike riders specifically for this. The class is limited to only 6 trikes. We are also looking at 2 wheel classes either at Blue Ridge College or from the same instructor in South Carolina. In addition we will be teaching some classes which will include group riding. I consider this class a must for people new to the group or have not participated in group riding in the past. These dates will be set at the February tour meeting listed above.

Tech Tip: Sierra Electronics is going out of business. [Sierra Electronics - Motorcycle audio store](#) I have been using their IMC Motorcom helmet headset for years and have been really happy with the quality of the product and much cheaper than J & M headsets. They normally sold for about \$90.00. After going out of business, I bought a spare set for \$40.00. Great to have on hand. If you go to their website, carefully pick the one for your bike set-up (5 Pin Vs 6 Pin) Full face or modular helmets and open helmets. We are looking to integrate with more of the Wireless Mesh communications this year.

We will still be using CB radios but are looking to the future.

By: Dale Yager
Chapter M2
Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator

Brian Wittenburg



It is with great enthusiasm that I announce my acceptance of the position of **Assistant Safety/Ride Coordinator**. This role will enable me to alleviate some of the workload from Dale and contribute to the promotion of safer rides. Additionally, I will be responsible for developing training programs to address potential accidents and ensure the safety of

all involved.

Before delving into my responsibilities, I would like to provide some background information on my professional journey. I have dedicated over 25 years to the field of emergency medical services (EMS), primarily working in 911 systems as a paramedic, field training officer, and preceptor for new EMTs and paramedics. I also gained experience in critical care transport for a few years.

With this extensive background, I am confident in my ability to bring safety and training to the forefront of our operations. I have already initiated efforts to establish a training class with Road Guardian's. This class will equip us with the necessary skills to respond effectively to motorcycle accidents, including parking, traffic control, treating and protecting injured parties, and ensuring a comprehensive approach to safety.

As the details of the training class become more finalized, I will provide further information.

Brian Wittenburg

Assistant Safety/Ride Coordinator

Monthly Ride Pot Winners:

CNO -.Gerry B.

Chapter Pride: David D.

50/50: Dale Y.

Ice-Cycle Lunch & Ride - Mike V.

Birthdays

FEBRUARY		
	2	Brian O'Brien
	11	Billy Pullum
	27	Michelle Yager

Anniversaries

FEBRUARY		
	21	Billy & Pat Pullum

EVENTS:

Hump Day Breakfast Rides-Wednesdays

Eggs Up Grill

637 Spartanburg Hwy, Hendersonville, NC

Breakfast 9:00am Ride approx. 10:00am

Open to all members. Destinations and length TBD each week. Suggestions welcome.

Cooks Night Out-

This month, Feb. 5, 6:30 pm Salty Landing in Etowah_ RSVP to Rusti by Feb. 4, 1 pm

trikelady@yahoo.com Next month, Mar. 5 is the first Thursday, place TBD.

Rides & Rallies & Meet-ups

- **Hump Day Breakfast (every Wednesday)** 9am , Eggs Up Grill 637 Spartanburg Hwy H'ville
- **CNO**; 6:30 pm February 5th, The Salty Landing - 6577 Brevard Rd, Etowah, NC RSVP to Rusti by Feb. 4, 1 pm trikelady@yahoo.com
- **Ride Committee Meeting**; Saturday, Feb. 7th & Mar. 7th for 2026; at Salvation Army, HVL, 8:30 coffee and donuts, 9 am meeting
- **Gathering meeting**; Saturday, February 21 , 2025 Golden Corral, Eat at 9 a.m. meet at 9:45 a.m. Golden Corral 2530 Chimney Rock Rd Hendersonville

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