



November 2024 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, November 16, 2024

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

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ENJOY THE RIDE!!

WOW!!! Has it been a different third quarter of the year!!! We have had everything thrown at us in western NC. It has changed so many lives and affected many families and businesses. It also has impacted the transportation industry as well. Our riding schedule has been at the mercy of the weather and the aftermath as well. We will continue to work together as a community and state to bring things back to normal, but it will take time.

Let's talk about different things!!! We continue to have our Get together and our Hump Day breakfast and rides!!! If you haven't had the opportunity to join some of these events you're missing a great time of riding and just plain fun with all the different outings we've had. I look forward to each one.

Some of you know that Debbie had an unexpected event with her right eye being diagnosed with a detached retina. We had to carefully walk through that and thankfully she's on the road to a full recovery with that behind us. I do apologize about the newsletter being this late but hopefully you'll understand with the hurricane (no power) and Debbie's medical issue being a contributor to that delay. We are happy to get back on schedule during the last quarter of the year!!!

We are looking forward to the events scheduled ahead of us, Christmas at Jim and Norma's as well as our Annual January 1st get together at Binions (at noon) for a great time of food and fellowship!!

The time is just around the corner for our Ride Planning for next year and we would love to have any ideas that you may have for the upcoming year. Last year we had a great time at different outings and places that we visited. No idea is too small or too large and if we can do it we will...we are still going by the ride schedule as much as we can, so lets ride!!

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A View From the Top

Reflections of Assistant Chapter Director

Bob Topper



Wow! I would say that September did not leave very quietly! First of all, my deepest sympathies go out to everyone that has been so devastated by the storm known as Helene. Kathy and I are very blessed that the only loss we've had is power and internet/cell service. Our home and property were thankfully missed by the destruction that has affected so many others, even around our own neighborhood. My heart goes out to Ken

and Karen, whose home was torn open by a large tree and now they are having to deal with that mess. Very fortunately, everyone is physically alright, mentally tough, dealing with this storm's wrath, has left everyone I know just a little spent, if you know what I mean.

To get away from the storm for a bit, here is how the REST of September went. We started with Cook's Night Out at Shortfield's in Travelers Rest. Who would have thought that they would be having a parade as we all tried to get to the restaurant for dinner? Yet they did, and I know that some folks weren't able to get to the restaurant because of it. For those that made it, we did have a good time and the food was fantastic, as always. October's CNO was canceled, for obvious reasons, but stay tuned for details of our next CNO in December.

On the first weekend of September, actually the day after CNO, Friday the 6th, we had 8 people on 6 bikes take off and enjoy the Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge and all of the surrounding area. I'm sure there will be a more detailed description of the weekend elsewhere in the newsletter, but I will say that the whole group and weekend was fantastic and that I look forward to our next long weekend adventure. Hopefully, if you weren't able to make this trip, you can make the next one and be part of the fun!



Our monthly Gathering was held on the 21 st and we had a total of 17 in attendance, including our guest, Dale and Brian's good friend from New York/Florida, David "Big Bird" Hartley, and new member, Michael Reisman. As a special bonus (haha), September's gathering was led by yours truly, as Marty and Debbie were at the EWMA North Carolina's District Rally in Brown Summit, NC. I did my best and hope that no one was bored while we continued to have fun. Thank you to Dale and Brian for helping to sell the 50/50 tickets and in keeping the meeting moving along. After our breakfast and meeting, I led a group of 6 bikes on a nice ride over to Maggie Valley to visit the Wheels Through Time Motorcycle Museum. If you've never been, it truly is an outstanding place to visit. We try, as a group, to put it on our schedule every couple of years to give new members and even old, that haven't been, an opportunity to see all that there is there. From Maggie Valley, we went up to Soco Gap and took the Blue Ridge Parkway toward home. We did catch a little bit of rain, but hey, we did stop at the Highest Point on the BRP! Always an opportunity for a photo.

Finally, the last Friday of the month normally means Ice Cream, but this month, Mother Nature had different plans. We not only missed out on the Ice Cream, but the we also canceled our trip to Piedmont, SC for the G.A.S Vintage Motorcycle show. I did find out that the show was postponed to October 19 th , so it may still be doable. In addition, our trip to the Sullenberger Aviation Museum has also been postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date.

I hope everyone is safe, finds an opportunity to ride, and now we'll have to look a bit harder for some good rides, while being safe from obstacles of all kinds.

Bob

Safety and Ride Coordinator

By: Dale Yager

November 2024

It's hard to write an article about our rides here in Western North Carolina after Hurricane Helene last month. I had written an article for October during the heavy rains but before Helene came in. After seeing and hearing about the devastation that was caused in Western

North Carolina, my article was no longer relevant. As a result many things that were planned have changed but we will keep you as up to date as we can. Roads that are open. West of here doesn't appear to be impacted as much as roads north and east of us. I think for a while we will be limited to riding both West and South. I have been told 276 to Waynesville is open despite the Parkway being closed. Also 64 west to Highlands is open, little damage.

I rode 276 into South Carolina 11, and it is open. Some of us are starting to explore what we can



ride. Some area's I won't even try.

The Sullenberger Aviation Museum tour was booked for October 5th. I called the museum and advised them we were from Hendersonville. That we wouldn't be able to make it as too many of us were affected by the storm. They stated that we could reschedule at another time. Personally I believe now we should wait until spring to get it planned out again. The reservations were for 18 people. Now we have the opportunity to promote it again. This is an Aviation Museum that is brand new. This museum also houses the famous "Miracle on the Hudson". Flight 1509 that left New York City on January 15, 2009 en route to Charlotte, NC. The plane was struck with birds and had to have an emergency landing on the Hudson River where everyone survived. The Captain was Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger who was credited with making the decision to land and saved the lives of everyone on board. This museum is a huge piece of American History and rightfully named "Miracle on the Hudson".

<https://www.sullenbergeraviation.org/>.

See posting for the Henderson County Toy Run. Note that it is not after our gathering on the 16th but on the 23rd. Watch for updates in our schedule. We will be meeting at the Upward Rd Ingles at 11:00 AM so that we can ride there as a group. That way we are together during the ride. Plan to bring an unwrapped gift or a \$20.00 donation per rider.

It's hard to think that the season once again is coming to an end. Looking back at this season we actually did a whole lot. Riding to Birmingham AL for the Barber museum as well as the Space Museum, Weekend at Deal's Gap, An Iron Butt ride for those that were interested. Taking in the Snake 421 in Shady Valley, 441 between Gatlinburg and Cherokee, Cherohala Skyway,

the Foothills Parkway including the new section. Route 276, 178, 209 and Wayah RD. Also some of my local favorites, E Fork Rd, 215, 281, and Bat Cave Rd.

1936 Harley Knucklehead.



<https://wheelsthroughtime.com/>
I got my tickets, Did you?

Don't forget, we meet every Wednesday (Hump Day Ride) for breakfast at Eggs Up Grill on Spartanburg Hwy. If weather permits, we usually have a lunch ride to follow. Destinations are decided on Tuesday based on weather conditions.

During the winter months, we will be inviting everyone to help put together next year's ride schedule. We want everyone to be a part of the process.

Tech Tip: At the September meeting we talked about being prepared for the ride. In the past we talked about our Trauma Kits that some of us carry on the bikes. This month I'm going to concentrate on the other things that you should consider. Since I do ride several bikes I do not have everything in all the bikes but I do in my main bike with most of it in my secondary bike and working on having more on that bike.

Left saddle bag: Bike cover, 2 rain suits, seat cover, 2 mini umbrellas, assorted sockets and screwdriver, Allen wrenches, ½ roll of toilet paper, tire plug kit and assorted cleaning supplies.

Right saddlebag: 2 Hi Visibility vest, sweatshirt, trauma kit, Air Moto air pump, jump pack, jumper cables, siphon, Zip ties, Leatherman tool, Electric tape, AA and AAA batteries, a lighter stick, and maps.

Trunk: Flashlight, eye glasses, eye glass cleaner, mini binocular, stain stick, bite stick, bug repellent, Wet wipes, a pill bottle full of quarters, Advil and Tylenol and recruiting paperwork.

Right passenger pocket: Pieces and parts to repair headsets, paper towels and a pill bottle full of Go hand cleaner. Left faring pocket, a mini flashlight and misc. paperwork.

Center glove box: A heavier pair of gloves, lens cleaner, pens, a multi meter, another mini flashlight, Side stand plate and registration and insurance cards.

Also we are going to get everyone to have emergency contacts available.

See info that Joe Taylor put together for I phones in this newsletter.

Dale Yager
Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator
Chapter M2

Birthdays

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| | 9 | Nancy Gammons | |
| | 14 | Ryan Boykin | |
| | 14 | Bobbi Moore | |
| | 27 | Karen Newhall | |

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| | 28 | Dale Yager | |
| | 29 | Joe Taylor | |

Anniversaries

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| | 18 | Brian & Laurie O'Brien | |
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Monthly Gathering Winners:

Ice Cream Ride Pots- Rusti

Wheels Through Time - Dale

Chapter Pride: Jim B.

50/50: Bob T.

M2 Caretaker: Laurie O'.

Wing Nut Award: NA

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-

First Thursday of each month. This month was November 7, 6:30 pm. @ Mike's Pizza,

Rides & Rallies

- **Gathering meeting; November 16** 9am eat, 9:45 meet, Joe will be leading a ride to Paris Mtn. State Park and Lil Rebel Restaurant.
- **Henderson County Toy Run; November 23**, Upward Rd. Ingles, 10 am
- **Polk County Toy Run; November 30**

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Smart Phone Smarter than you thought?

Your phone may save your life or at least assist emergency medical providers in treating you. Some phones will automatically call 911 in a crash, and if they cannot get through due to no signal sometimes will try connecting with 911 through a satellite. **Do not take it for granted, call 911 yourself too if you can!!!**

First, where do you carry your phone when you ride?

Many of us have it attached to the bike for navigation, music, or other reasons. If you crash your bike, you will probably be separated from your bike and your phone. If you are alone what is next? Wait and hope someone comes along or maybe after several hours (6,8,10 or even 12) someone will notice you have not returned from your ride. Hopefully you have a phone smart enough and not too damaged to automatically call 911. If not??? A phone should be carried in your pocket to be useful in case of a crash (especially if you are alone), otherwise **who is going to call 911.**

How can your smartphone assist medical treatment?

Do you have your medical information setup in your phone? If you do, you probably already know most of what this article is about. But read it anyway because knowledge is power, and it could save you, your riding

partner, or friend's life. I cannot explain how to set this up on all phones, so I will use my phone for an example (other models should be similar but check your phone's manual or see me and I will assist you). I have an iPhone 14 with iOS 17.7 on it:

Open the Health app and tap the Summary tab.

Tap your profile picture in the upper-right corner (or your initials)

Under Medical Details, tap Medical ID.

Tap Edit in the upper-right corner.

To make your Medical ID available from the Lock screen on your iPhone, turn on Show When Locked. In an emergency, this gives information to people who want to help.

Enter health information like your date of birth, allergies, and blood type.

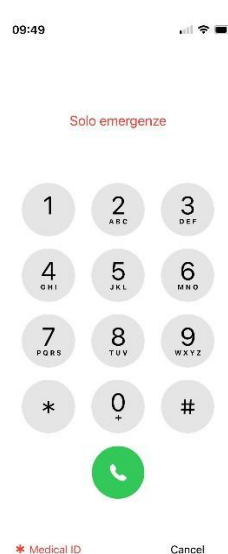
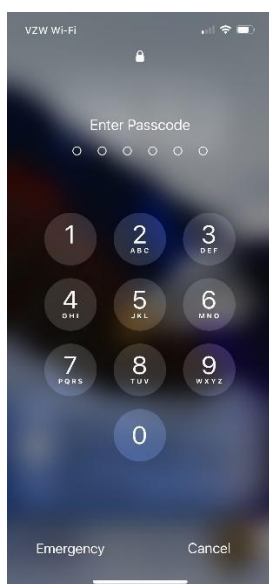
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Why did you fill out the info? So, anyone treating you in an emergency can find this info to assist them with the correct treatment, and to notify your emergency contacts if needed (note: some phones will even call the emergency contacts automatically).

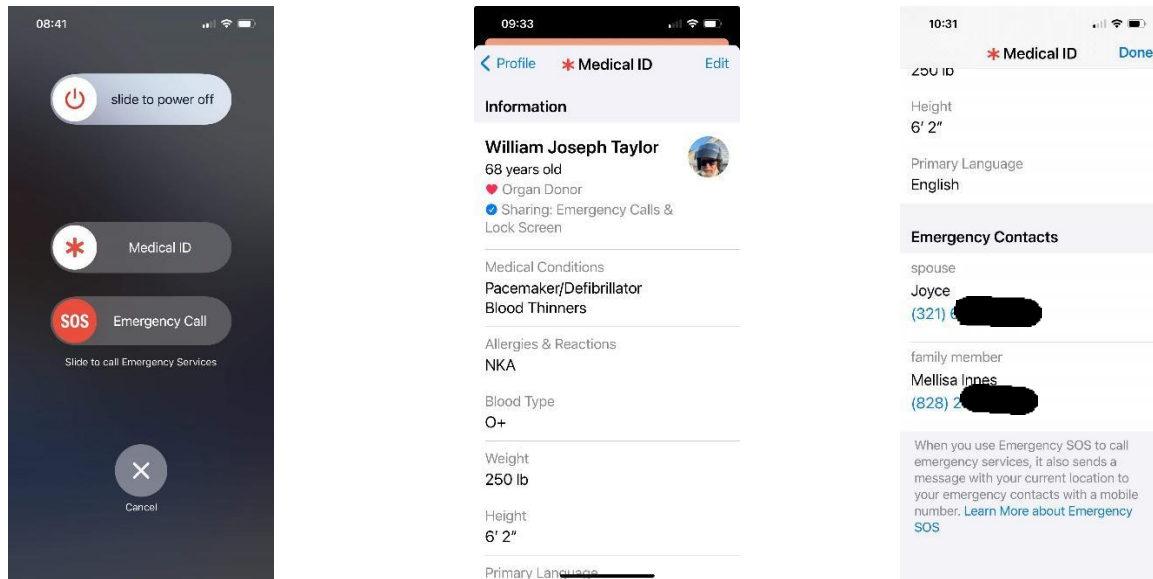
How does someone access this information when needed (yes even if you have your phone password or facial recognition protected)?

There are a couple of ways:

Try to open the phone, if enter passcode screen opens look in the lower left corner for the word Emergency and tap that. It will bring you to a screen that has a keypad for making a call. On the lower left tap the "Medical ID" which will bring you to the person's medical information.



Another way to access it is by pushing the right-side button at the same time as one of the volume buttons on the left side. Then slide the bar that says “Medical ID” to the right. This will bring you to the person’s medical information.



This does not cover everything about your phone, but if it can save 1 life (maybe yours) then it is worth the read and follow-up action!