



April 2023 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Eat at 9 a.m. meet at 9:45 a.m.

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Director's Corner

Spring is here, as well as some great rides. Your Ride Committee has put together yet another great year of rides. Dale has published the 2023 Ride Schedule and emailed it to members. If you do not have a copy, you may go to our website and download it. At our last CNO we had at the Moose Café, 16 friends came out for good food and fellowship. Joe Taylor lead a ride to Suches, GA to the Honda Hangout for a day of Motorcycles.

Cook's Night Out this month is on April 6th at Mike's Pizza and Pasta on Spartanburg Hwy in Hendersonville, so get your reservations to Gerry or myself by Wednesday the 5th. Our next meeting is April 15th at the Hendersonville Golden Corral, eat at 9AM and meet at 9:45AM. Weather permitting there will be a ride to Rocky Bottom, SC (Sassafras Mtn.) with our ride leader being Mr. Bob Topper.

The Tennessee District is having their "Spring Fling" rally in Johnson City, from April 27th to the 29th. Our chapter has a day ride scheduled to go there on Friday, the 28th; however, if you wish to attend the entire rally, you will find a Rally information and Registration form in this newsletter.

Some member information: Dale is doing very well with his NEW knee, although he may overdo it from time to time. Sheila also has a new knee and is walking as if nothing ever happened. Our buddy Brian O. still has his wing in a sling and says he is mending well. Gerry felt left out, so he tried to cut his finger off, but failed; however, after seven stitches, his is ok too!

Well, I am sure that your other officers have more to say, so I will close for now with this small wish to everyone.

Ride often, ride safe and see you soon.

Rusti



Comments from Carl

Assistant Chapter Director

Members, Guests, Friends,

March has been a good month for several reasons. The weather has allowed for some nice opportunities to ride. It has also given us some nice days to get our bikes ready for the upcoming riding season.

Plans have been underway to complete the schedule of activities for the riding season.

We feel that everyone has had an opportunity to participate in the preparation of the schedule. Your enjoyment and riding

pleasure have been at the forefront of the decisions made. We hope each of you will take part as often as possible.

Looking forward, several things warrant a reminder: The "Hump Day" breakfast at Eggs Up Grill 9:00am, on Spartanburg Highway. Weather permitting a ride after. Our first ice cream ride this year on the 31st, meeting at the Ingles on Spartanburg Hwy and Highland Rd. at 6:00pm. April 1st is the Hub City Train Museum ride to Spartanburg S.C. meeting at Ingles Spartanburg Hwy and Highland Rd. at 10am. That will get us to April.

Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to the friends that have had surgery this year, and wish them speedy recovery. We are anxious for them to be able to ride again.

Thanks to those that have given time and expertise to the 2023 ride schedule. A great job.

Until we meet again, Ride Safe, Ride Often, Ride with a Friend.

Until the next time, Kick Stands Up!!!!

Carl Hinderer



So how did April Fool's Day begin??

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the [Gregorian calendar](#), as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. In the Julian Calendar, as in the Hindu calendar, the new year began with the spring equinox around April 1.

People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes and were called "April fools."

A View From the Top

Reflections of the Membership Enhancement
Coordinator
Bob Topper



Spring is here, along with some longer days and nicer weather! Well, at least the 1st two are accurate. Our fun weather continues to keep us guessing when it comes to riding and planning even a few days in advance. Sometimes you just gotta go, or not, that's up to the individual, for sure. No one should ever ride if they're not feeling comfortable about it, or beyond their own limits. First and foremost is to ride to your abilities and make it safe.

Speaking of planning, by now you should have a copy of the 2023 Riding Schedule! As usual, a lot of time and effort went into creating it, by several people, with Dale Yager putting all of our thoughts into the form that it is. Thank you Dale, and everyone that participated in the planning meetings, or even just giving suggestions. It's a total team effort. What now makes it great is to see everyone participating and enjoying the rides that are out there. Also remember, Mother Nature doesn't know how to read! So, stuff happens that could put a kink on our schedule, and we may see some changes come about due to "stuff" happening.

In early March, we once again enjoyed each other's company, and some good food, at our Cooks Night Out held at The Moose Café in Asheville. Our next CNO is going to be at Mike's Pizza and Pasta on Spartanburg Hwy in Hendersonville. Please be sure to RSVP with either Gerry or Rusti when the time comes.

Our March Gathering was held on the 18th, with 22 members in attendance. We were given updates on the health and wellbeing of some of our members that have undergone some recent surgeries. I'm happy to pass on that Dale, Sheila, and Brian are all rehabbing and playing nice, well, they are rehabbing. Hahaha. We were also informed that Dave Skerry is back up in New Hampshire, close to family, and has an apartment and can't wait for the snow to leave so he can get out and explore the area! Also, it has been announced that Jim and Norma Brabb will be opening up their home for our annual Christmas Party this year. Yes, it's a little early to discuss Christmas, but we do need to plan, right? Thank you Jim and Norma, that is a wonderful gesture and I'm really looking forward to being there. Our after-gathering ride was cancelled due to the cold start of the day. That was too bad as later in the day became a wee bit better, but still on the chilly side. Hopefully next month's ride to Sassafras Mountain can happen and y'all can really see the Top of South Carolina! Come on sunshine and warmth!

Joe Taylor saw a notice about a gathering in North Georgia being sponsored by American Honda, called Honda Hangout at Two Wheels of Suches, a motorcycle campground in the beautiful mountains of Georgia. It was a 2-day event, but Joe talked about making a long riding day of it, which 5 of us did. Thanks for the idea, Joe, and for laying out and leading the route. Yeah, we had a little bit of rain to start, but that didn't hamper our spirits any, and we got to experience some fantastic riding roads.

As this fine newsletter is “going to print” I can tell you (because I’m the one putting it together) that we’ve just completed our First Ice Cream Ride of the season and it was fantastic, as usual. When isn’t ice cream fantastic? Well, the weather did kind of hamper the destination a bit, as it was decided to ride to a spot closer than originally planned, to avoid rain. We still had 17 members and friends join in and ride (or drive) to the Celtic Creamery in Hendersonville. Thanks to all that came out. Even M2 hobbled to the occasion. I also wanted bring notice to, and dedicate this ice cream ride to Kelly Spangler, as she really enjoyed being able to attend them in her Vanderhall. We miss you Kelly!

Ride Safe and Ride Often!

Bob



Here is a link to the Tennessee District Spring Fling Rally Information and Registration Form. Just copy the entire link and paste in the address bar of your web browser.

<https://storage.googleapis.com/wzukusers/user-34843439/documents/206681f1554d43d1a8b9473339008cd9/Tennessee%20District%20Spring%20Fling%20PAGE%201.pdf>

Ride Coordinator – April 2023

By: Dale Yager

Ready- Set- Go!

We have presented the ride schedule for the 2023 riding season. It was sent out by e-mail to our e-mail registered members. It is also available directly from our Facebook Group page: EWMA Chapter NC-M2 as well as on our website:

<https://fourseasonswingsandthings.org>



Now let's get started. We already had a group ride to Two Wheels of Suches for the Honda Hangout. While there, a couple members took demo rides. I'm sure they would be happy to talk about it. By the time you read this we will have had our first ice cream ride on March 31st and a ride to Hub City Train Museum on April 1st, although the weather prediction doesn't look good for either of them. Moving beyond that, in April we have Cooks Night Out (See info elsewhere in the newsletter) and our meeting on April 15th at Golden Corral. As usual breakfast at 9:00am and meeting at 9:45am. After the meeting we have planned a ride to Sassafras Mtn. This is one of our themed rides to get high! Sassafras Mtn. is the highest point in South Carolina. Split across the top of the mountain is the North Carolina border. The view is the same whether you stand in South Carolina or North Carolina, or is it? Bob Topper will get us there and no it's not a straight route. [Sassafras Mountain : Climbing, Hiking & Mountaineering : SummitPost](#)

The following Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00am, is our annual Tech Day. What's a Tech Day you ask? As a group we both teach and learn how to service your motorcycle. This is taking place at Dale and Michelle's house, 112 Mountain Place, Hendersonville, NC from 10:00am to around 2:00pm. This year my 2016 Goldwing is the victim. The plan is to change the air filter, change the oil, change the brake fluid, and spark plugs if time allows. We will be ordering in lunch at your own expense. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other better and learn something too. If you have some smaller chores for your bike, please bring your materials and we will see if we can help you out or at least teach you how. Not working on a bike? Come and hang out. There will be plenty of bike talk going on as well.

The following weekend is the first EWMA TN Spring fling. The GWRRA events in the past took place in Pigeon Forge, this event will be taking place in Johnson City. The event is scheduled for April 27th to the 29th. On the 28th, Joe Taylor will be leading a group out of the Mills River Ingles on Rt. 280, leaving at 8:00am. Please give Joe a heads up if you are joining in. wjtaylor315@gmail.com. Ok, it's an early leave time but that's part of the plan, as Joe is taking the leisurely way there. Also, it's so many of us can get back in time for our second ice cream ride later in the day.

Our second Ice cream ride starts at 6:00pm from the Spartanburg Ingles located at Spartanburg Hwy and Upward Rd. The destination will be announced by the ride leader.

Finally for the month of April, is the Meltdown Vintage Motorcycle Show on the 29th. This has been held for several years on Locust Street in Hendersonville, but this year it's being held at a new location, the Historic Hendersonville Airport at 1232 Shepherd Street. In the past I had displayed several motorcycles for the event. It was a great draw but in the process of the move they are charging a \$5.00 admission fee. This is a first. Initially this was a great spectator and fun event. The past couple of years it appears to have become more

commercial. I'm still deciding if I will be displaying anything there or not. If you are interested in attending, we will be meeting at Ingles on Spartanburg Highway and Upward Rd at 12:00pm.

As you're making your season riding plans don't forget about our two long weekend ride events, the first in May to Chattanooga, TN and then in September to West Virginia. Read the separate articles here about them.

Tech Tip:

Don't forget to perform the T-Clock inspection of your bike before you just jump on and drive. Often at the end of the season something needed attention but as time passed you might have forgotten what was in the back of your mind. Especially pay attention to your tires, tread, air pressure and brakes.

Dale Yager
Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator
Chapter M2

Chattanooga Overnight Trip

Hello, my fellow riders, it's time for our first overnight ride of the 2023 season. This year we are going to Chattanooga, TN on May 5th- 8th for a fun filled, 4-day, 3-night adventure of rides, sightseeing, and places to visit. The best thing is you can do all of them, a few of them, or none at all; the choice is up to you. The plan is to rent a cabin for the group to stay in together, because last year we had a blast doing it in Helen, GA and the experience was much more enjoyable than staying in a hotel room.

Here are just a few of the
a scenic river boat cruise, Ruby
Chickamauga Battlefield
Whiskey tour with free samples.
dining places to enjoy, other
have been brought up to make
enjoy.



options that were found. You can enjoy
Falls, Coker Museum, the TN Aquarium,
National Park, and Chattanooga
We are open to any suggestions on any
places to go and see that might not
it the best experience for everyone to

Check out this website for ideas: <https://www.visitchattanooga.com/things-to-do/attractions/>

If you are interested in going, please let me know right away so that we can secure lodging and come up with a realistic idea of the cost. We need some idea of how many rooms and beds we'll need. The date for this is coming very quickly! Contact Brian via email at: b.wittenburg@icloud.com

Brian

West Virginia Riding Weekend

Chapter M2 is planning a four-day trip to The New River Gorge area in Southern West Virginia from September 8-11, 2023. We will leave from the Waffle House at 112 Railroad Ave in Rutherfordton NC @ 9:AM on 9/8/23 and return on 9/11/23.

This ride will be mostly about riding the back roads and stopping to tour places like the New River Gorge Bridge on U. S. Rt.19, stopping by Hawk's Nest State Park, and the Grits Mill at Babcock State Park. I would like to have your input on what you would like to see and the roads you would like to ride. We also need to know who's interested in going on the ride so we can make arrangements for our stay. Most of the cost will be fuel, food and housing unless you want to tour the Catwalk under the New River Gorge Bridge. There is a charge for that tour.



Here is a link to a ride map for the area.

<https://visitwv.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/VSWV-Motorcycle-Guide-web.pdf>

If you are interested in going, please let me know. September will be here before you know it. Email Jim Brabb at jasdrabb@yahoo.com.

Jim

Member Info: April

Birthdays:

1 Ken Weglarz

Anniversaries:

13 Bill & Winnie McGill

Monthly Gathering Information:

Ride Pots: March CNO - Bob Topper

Chapter Pride: Mike Claywell

50/50: Brian Wittenburg

M2 Caretaker: Michelle Yager

Wing Nut Award: None

EVENTS:



April 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6 CNO – Mike's Pizza and Pasta	7	8 Ride to Hub City Train Museum **New Date**
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Chapter Gathering – Ride to Sassafras Mtn
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Tech Day at Dale Yager's
23	24	25	26	27	28 TN District Spring Fling Ride Ice Cream Ride	29 Meltdown Vintage Motorcycle Show
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Notes

CNO – RSVP to Rusti or Gerry at trikelady@yahoo.com

Chapter Gathering – Eat at 9:00 am, meet at 9:45, possible ride to follow.



May 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4 Cook's Night Out – Wild Wing Café, Arden	5 Chattanooga Weekend Trip	6 Chattanooga Weekend Trip
7 Chattanooga Weekend Trip	8 Chattanooga Weekend Trip	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Chapter Gathering – Ride Bike for the Blue
21	22	23	24	25	26 Air Power History Tour – Tri-Cities Airport Ice Cream Ride	27 Strawberry Hill Ride
28	29	30 Slingshot Rally Maggie Valley	31			

Notes

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Chapter Gathering – Eat at 9:00 am, meet at 9:45, possible ride to follow.

Hump Day Breakfast Riders - every Wednesday

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

April 6, 2023, Mike's Pizza & Pasta 803 Spartanburg Hwy, Hendersonville, NC
Please be sure to RSVP.

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First Aid Kit Suggestions

BASICS

- ❖ 4-6 rolls of 4" gauze
- ❖ 4-6 rolls of 2-3" gauze
- ❖ Sanitary napkins
- ❖ 2 5" x 9" pads
- ❖ Assorted gauze pads (non-stick if possible)
- ❖ Assorted band aides
- ❖ Ace bandages (large and medium)
- ❖ Alcohol swabs
- ❖ Antibacterial wipes'
- ❖ 3 triangular bandages
- ❖ CPR mask or micro shield
- ❖ 2-3 pair of gloves (non-latex)
- ❖ Adhesive tape 1" wide - minimum of 2
- ❖ Trauma type scissors
- ❖ Tweezers

Notes:

1. Cloth tape as well as the adhesive (due to allergy to tape)
2. Different sizes of gloves as everyone's hands are different size (change out yearly as they tend to stick together in areas that have high temperatures)
3. Change out the band-aides at least yearly (they tend to stick to the paper)
4. Check expiration dates on items that have a date (over the counter medicine, etc.)

EXTRAS TO CONSIDER

- ❖ Anti-bacterial ointment
- ❖ Hydrocortisone 1%
- ❖ Aspirin
- ❖ Tylenol or Ibuprofen
- ❖ Benadryl
- ❖ Face shield or clear glasses
- ❖ Eye wash
- ❖ 2-4 eye pads (need to cover both eyes if one is injured)
- ❖ Cold packs
- ❖ Hot packs
- ❖ Emergency blanket
- ❖ Biomedical waste bag
- ❖ Hand sanitizer - waterless
- ❖ Cake decorating icing or sugar packets

Notes:

1. Don't forget your personal medicine.
2. A list of your medicine with you (perhaps with someone on another bike)
3. Consider attending a first aide course.
4. Have ICE (In Case of Emergency) in your phone.