



April 2024 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, April 20, 2024

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

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Chapter Director ENJOY THE RIDE!!



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Wow, where did March go? We have been traveling and planning the entire month!

As some of you know I visited the EWMA Florida Rally in March and it was a great time!!! I traveled down to SC and met David from SC Chapter G on a frigid 37 degree morning at America's place to eat!!! Waffle House!!!!!! We were pretty cold for a while, but eventually warmed up! While in Florida I met 4 of the 6 CD's for NC and Libby Jennings, our NC State Director, actually won an award for our participation as well. The Tennessee Rally is next, ride up on April 25-27. On Friday morning, April 26th at 8AM I will be leading anyone interested in a group ride to the rally and return late in the day. Join me in supporting our bordering states and their Rallies.

We finished the Tour Planning as well and "THANK YOU" Dale for putting together a great riding season for our chapter. Our overnigher in May will be the Barber Museum and I for one am excited to get back there, it's been about 7 years since I've been, great place!!! The Iron Horse event in September is finalized and ready as well....Showing up at our chapter meeting will start to be more beneficial, we will be giving away different items and gifts from our sponsors as well, I would tell you but it's supposed to be a surprise, LOL! This "Riding Season" will make new friends and memories for all of us and I can't wait to share those with each other!

At the April meeting, Alicia from J. Ivery Riddle will be doing a presentation on the work that goes on in their little part of the world to help people with life's challenges that we may never experience or face but others live with on a daily basis. I'm sure it will be eye opening for some of us and an update for others that have been there to see the incredible work and sacrifices that are made daily!!!

Ok, let's make sure our bikes are prepared for the season and get out and ride with us. I hope to see everyone on the road!!!!

As I always say, LET'S ENJOY THE RIDE TOGETHER!!!

Marty



Cold start from Carolinas, Florida bound.



FL State Rally lobby 2024



Libby Jennings, NC State Director, winning award for Largest District outside of Florida.



JJ and Sue Jackson, Region

A Directors, at FL State Rally 2024



MTS reps at FL

State Rally 2024 They will be supporting our chapter with giveaways!!!

A View From the Top

Reflections of Assistant Chapter Director
Bob Topper

It looks like we've made it to April! No fooling! Well, maybe a little bit. Anyway, I really hope that the bitter cold is behind us and we can have a fantastic riding season. As you surely have seen, our riding schedule is out and we've got some fascinating rides planned, as well as some new sights to see. I hope you'll be taking part in at least something that we've got going on.



I'm excited to report that we continue to have great turnouts for our monthly Gatherings at the Golden Corral! In addition to 22 of our own chapter members, we also had 10 guests, including 9 members of South Carolina's Chapter G! Welcome everyone and I really hope you had a good time. It was also a treat to be able to participate in a ride following the meeting. There just hasn't been enough good weather lately to enjoy a weekend ride, it seems.

At our gathering, I did a quick overview of the Eagle Wings Website and shared about making certain that your own membership information is current and complete. Quite a few of us don't, or didn't, have a Chapter assignment, and you may not ever know, unless you check it out. There is also a lot of other information on their site, including the goings on around the country, and with other chapters right here in North Carolina. The website address is www.ewma-world.org and as a member, you can login and get even more fun information and resources. They also post each edition of the "On The Fly Magazine" for your viewing pleasure.

Speaking of FUN...are you aware that we are going to an Asheville Tourists baseball game in June? Thursday, June 20th, to be exact. If you've never been, with or without the Chapter, I must say it is a ton of fun! We all sit together in the same section, in the lower section, very close to home plate, on the 3rd base side. Great seats and always a great time. Heck, sometimes the Tourists even win, which makes it that much more fun! Did I mention that it's on a "Thirsty Thursday"? Tickets are only \$14 and we have a sign-up sheet available at the Gatherings. I hope you'll be able to attend. Did I mention that we get "ANNOUNCED" during the 7th inning stretch?

April's going to be a fun month, too! I hope to see you out and about, maybe at CNO, or at Dale's for Tech Day, or for an Ice Cream Ride, or ... or.

Have a great month and ride safe,

Bob

Safety and Ride Coordinator

By: Dale Yager



Tech Tip: So what is Tech Day? For those that haven't been around that long, it's a day where you have the opportunity to see the innards of a Honda Goldwing. It's to help teach you how to work on your own bikes with the idea you can save money from having the dealer do routine maintenance work that you can do yourself. This year we will be taking the top shelter off of David Platt's bike to change his air filter. We will also change his spark plugs. You can learn such things as torque specs and how easy it is to change the air filter (Ha Ha!). New this year, we will be demonstrating changing a tire on a rim. The learning is a great thing but it also is a great opportunity to get to know each other even better. Everyone is welcome to come and hang out as long as you want. We start at 10: 00 am until about 4:00pm on Saturday April 6th. We typically order out for lunch so ask your mom for lunch money allowance. Let's everyone get our hands dirty. It's located at the Yager residence, 112 Mountain Place, Hendersonville, NC.

Don't forget, our next gathering is on the third Saturday of the month, April 20th. After the gathering Joe Taylor will be leading us on a ride that will end up at the Runaway Café at the Greenville Airport.

The Tennessee Spring Fling is on April 25th through the 27th in Johnson City, TN. Marty will lead a ride there on Friday the 26th. It will start with breakfast at Eggs Up on Spartanburg at 8:00am, then leaving there at 8:45am. This will be just a day trip for the rally. A day pass is \$20.00.

At the end of the month (last Friday of the month) we will be having our ice cream ride. For the ice cream rides we always meet at Ingles on Spartanburg Highway and Upward Rd at 6:00pm and ride to an ice cream shop that is determined based on time and weather. This happens each last Friday of the month during the summer. These rides are not challenging or long distance rides. It's something for those who aren't attracted to the bigger rides.

Finally for the coming month will be the Melt Down located at the airport in Hendersonville. Bob Topper will be leading a ride there in a roundabout way. This ride leaves the Spartanburg and Upward Ingles at 10:30am. The event actually starts at noon. There is a \$5.00 admission to the event but you get to see some of the great classic and antique motorcycles in the area. Most of these bikes are hidden away or if they are ridden, you don't see them often and certainly not in one place.



The rooms for both of our extended weekend's trips have been booked. Both the Barber weekend in Leeds, Alabama May 3-6 and the Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge on September 6-9.

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.

Tech Tip: Time to ride:

Not yet! Have you checked your tires yet, not just the tire pressure but the tread depth. Would they pass inspection? When were they manufactured? The date of manufacture is labeled on the side of the tire. It usually can be found in a bubble on the side and is done as the number of weeks of the year and the year they were made. Do you know how to read the wear bars on the tires? Across the center of the tread in several locations there is a bar that, when it is even with the sides, it's time to replace the tire. Tires are like a roll of toilet paper, the closer to the center, the faster it goes.

Dale Yager Remember; Tech Day @ Dale's house, April 6.

Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator
Chapter M2

Who Dat?



Birthdays

APRIL		
	1	Ken Weglarz

Anniversaries

13	Bill & Winnie McGill
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Monthly Gathering Winners:

Ride Pots: Norma Brabb

Ice Cream Ride -April 26 TBA

Chapter Pride: Norma Brabb

50/50: Suzette Wood

M2 Caretaker: Brian O'Brien

Wing Nut Award: NA

EVENTS:

Hump Day Breakfast Rides

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 4, at Salty Landing, Etowah, 6:30.

Everyone is encouraged to wear holiday colors!

RSVP to Rusti or Gerry at trikelady@yahoo.com by April 3, 1pm

Ice Cream Ride- Friday, April 26 , location TBD, watch for email & Facebook notice

Pics from March 29, 2024 at Luv's Ice Cream, Fletcher, NC





M2 made a surprise visit!



Thanks to all that came to the Ice Cream Ride. We rode through Mills River, up 280 by Butler Bridge Road, and into the Luv's Ice Cream parking lot. 15 ice cream lovers came together for a good time of fun & fellowship.

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