



December 2022 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is
Saturday, January 21, 2023
Eat at 9 a.m. meet at 9:45 a.m.
Golden Corral 2530 Chimney Rock Rd Hendersonville

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Director's Corner

I hope everyone had a happy and filling Thanksgiving.

We have been very thankful for another great year of riding and friendship.

The bonfire at Dale & Michelle's home was a beautiful evening, they always do a really nice event. After our gathering on the 19th, we joined in the Hendersonville Toy Run, helping to make Christmas bright and happy for many children, and the weather warmed up making the ride so much fun.

Now on to December. The 1st is our Cook's Night-Out 6:30 PM at the Olive Garden in Arden, past the Asheville Airport. Then on Dec. 3rd we are going to J. Iverson Center in Morganton to deliver Gifts to our two residents and a monetary donation to the center.

Everyone needs to put on your "Holiday Cheer" for our Christmas Party on December 17th, at the Bay Breeze restaurant in Hendersonville, time is 6 PM. Each person attending needs to bring a wrapped gift (\$20) for the gift exchange/swap.

Hopefully, by now you should have received your new Eagle Wings membership card. If not, they are on their way. As well as refund checks from GWRRA. We got ours a week ago, so keep an eye out for them.

In closing I just want you all to know how deeply I appreciate each of you for your help and contributions to make this chapter such an awesome chapter to have and be a part of, and I'm looking forward to yet another great year to come.

Merry Christmas from your director,

Rusti



Comments from Carl

Assistant Chapter Director

Members, Guests, and Friends

We are nearing the end of the year, but that doesn't mean the end of our riding season. Because of the wonderful weather we have here in Hendersonville and the surrounding area, there are many great riding opportunities. Sometimes the obstacle may be the cold temperature, but with layering of clothes or heated gear that is easily overcome.



Extra caution should be the normal thought, as some drivers will not be expecting to see motorcycles as much now.

Thanks are in order for those that were on hand for the Henderson County Toy Run. Not only was it a beautiful day with Blue Skies and little wind, there were a lot of motorcycles, We had a good group of us that met at the Blue Sky Cafe and enjoyed the secured ride to Hendersonville. The report was that it was another huge success.

Thanks to those that come to the hump day breakfasts. We hope that you are enjoying them and encourage anyone that can to join us. Dale continues to have the weather radar tuned in for the report in advance for an opportunity to ride after breakfast. Keep up the great work. The hump day breakfast is every Wednesday at 9:00 am, meeting at Eggs Up Grill on Spartanburg Hwy, next to Planet Fitness.

Many thanks again to Dale and Michelle for the wonderful time at their house and the annual Bon Fire get together. The weather cooperated and the stars aligned for an enjoyable evening. One more reason why we enjoy our friends formed by the love of motorcycles and riding together in a safe, interesting, and informative group. Each of you contribute to make it the success that it is.



Until we meet again, RIDE SAFE, RIDE OFTEN, RIDE WITH A FRIEND.

Until the next time, Kick stands up!!!!

Carl Hinderer

A View From the Top

Reflections of the Membership Enhancement Coordinator
Bob Topper

Wow! Can you believe that 2022 is coming to a close? It seems like we really have had a very busy year, with the changes going on and all the new friends that we've had join us, I'd say that we've had a very successful year, as well. I hope that at least some of the riding y'all have done has put a smile on your faces. We have really had some great rides!



On the 3rd of November, we kicked off the month with another Cook's Night Out, this time held at Sol Y Luna in Laurel Park. We had a very nice turnout, and I really enjoyed my first time dining here. By the way, in case you were wondering, like me, Sol Y Luna means "Sun & Moon". That brings my Spanish vocabulary up to about 10 words, especially if you include taco and burrito. On December 1st, we will be back at the Olive Garden in Arden. Maybe I'll work on my Italian! I hope you join us.

On Saturday, November 5, the Yagers once again opened their home (and mostly the back yard) to our Chapter to enjoy a year-end bonfire, with plenty of food, supplied by everyone attending, and some fantastic stories and tales. The weather stayed clear and only fairly cold, so that it was a great time, again! Thank you to Dale & Michelle!

At our Chapter Gathering on the 19th, we had 18 of our members join us at the Golden Corral. We discussed our upcoming visit to the J. Iverson Riddle Development Center in Morganton, NC, where our chapter sponsors two of the residents, as well as donating to the Center as a whole. Unfortunately, since the Covid-19 outbreak in 2020, they have not had the usual Christmas function that we participated in, but we will be allowed to at least visit this year. Rusti will be leading a ride/drive there on December 3, and I hope many are able to attend.

Following our November Gathering, as we have now for many years, many of us met up to participate in the Henderson County Toy Run, benefiting the foster children of our county. The weather was a bit cooler this year to start but did get warmer as the afternoon came around. Thank you to the 12 members that came and rode with us, as well as those that contributed either toys or cash to help the cause. The Toy Run reported that they had a total of 460 bikes make the ride another successful event!

This year, for the first time, several members also participated in the Polk County Toy Run the following Saturday, the 26th. It wasn't on our calendar, but 6 of us got together and enjoyed some really good riding weather (especially for November) and a very nice ride around Polk County, starting in Saluda and ending up in Columbus. This ride was even larger, with 560 bikes total!

Please have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah,



Bob

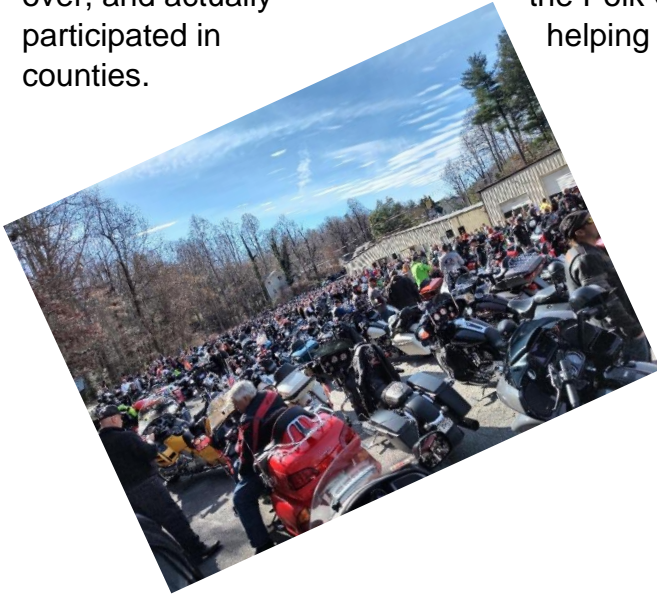
Out and About

Reflections of the Ride Coordinator
Dale Yager

With the riding season mostly on hold, what rides do happen now will be more spur of the moment. Factor in the questionable weather, shortened daylight and temperature swings, I find it too difficult to make a plan but still hope for the best.



This past month we were able to participate in not only the Henderson County Toy Run, but a few of us also rode in the Polk County Toy Run as well. Toy runs will make you feel warm and fuzzy all over, and actually participating in the Polk County run was warm. Thanks to all those that helping children in need for both counties.



We have also been able to get a couple of hump day rides in as well. The last one was to the Wing Nutz in Fountain Inn, South Carolina. This was the day before Thanksgiving and turned out to be a great day of riding. We even had Brian Wittenburg join in.

For those of you that are new to us, come January we start by putting together new ride ideas for the coming season. Everyone is encouraged to bring suggestions. Typically, we look for a couple of long weekend rides. We also need ideas for after-meeting rides, long day rides, hump day rides, events to go to, places of interest and things to do. It's best to have too many ideas rather than not enough. Please start thinking of ideas for next year's ride schedule.



Tech Tip: How cold is too cold to ride? For me, I typically won't ride under 36 degrees. Yes, I have the heated gear to keep warm at that temperature, but other factors come into play. I would consider riding in 36 degrees when a warmer temperature is predicted, but if the air temperature is 36 degrees when you leave the house, and holding steady, just a small change in elevation can drop the temperature below freezing. We certainly have changes in elevations here. The ground temperature may also be colder than the air temperature, especially over bridges. We have all seen the signs stating, "bridge may freeze".

Additionally, it's not uncommon to see water running across the road from mountain run off. Usually that water is colder than the air temperature and certainly could be hiding ice. There's nothing more slippery than ice with a layer of water on it. Don't forget that riding in the shadows is often colder than the air temperature.

Certain failure will happen if you ride, and all these conditions take place together. Water in the road, in the shadows, running from a cold mountain stream. I can wait for a better day, I think you can too.

Dale Yager
Ride Coordinator
Chapter NC



Member Info:

December

Birthdays:

6 Bob Martin
13 Gerry Boykin
15 Craig Lembke
16 Bill McGill
21 Diedra Quinn
25 Cliff Gammons

Anniversaries

None this Month

Monthly Gathering Information:

Ride Pots:

Ride for the Blue – Dave Platt
October Ice Cream Ride – Dale Yager
November CNO – Bobbi Moore

Chapter Pride: Jim Brabb

50/50: David Skerry

M2 Caretaker: Bob Martin

Wing Nut Award: Bob Topper

As everyone prepares for this holiday season, I would just like to ask, for all that know her, please keep Kelly Spangler, and her husband, Ed, in your thoughts and prayers. As many of you know, Kelly has been dealing with some serious medical issues for the past few years and has had some bad setbacks recently. She really needs a miracle right now.

Kelly, you're certainly our ray of Sunshine!



Events

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Cook's Night Out	2	3
4	5	6	7 Hump Day Ride	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Hump Day Ride	15	16	17 Chapter Christmas Party
18	19	20	21 Hump Day Ride	22	23	24
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 Hump Day Ride	29	30	31 New Year's Eve



Join the Abraham Kuykendall Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in saying "Thank You" to our American Heroes by sponsoring a Veteran's wreath!

We will be placing your sponsored wreath on the grave of one of our hometown heroes at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Black Mountain, NC on National Wreaths Across America Day this December 17th.

We are on a mission to REMEMBER the fallen, HONOR those who serve and TEACH future generations about the value of freedom. We are the home of the free, because of the brave.

Help us get others involved by sharing your support and challenging your own family, friends, and community to support the mission.

To sponsor a veteran's wreath for one of our local heroes, please visit:

www.wreathscrossamerica.org/NC0476P

Thank you for your support

Payments can be made online using a credit/debit card, Google Pay or Paypal

Hump Day Breakfast Riders - every Wednesday

*** NEW LOCATION ***

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

December 1, 2022, Olive Garden, 400 Airport Rd, Arden, NC

Gerry will send out an email

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