



February 2022 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is
Saturday, February 9th, 2022
Eat at 9 a.m. meet at 9:30 a.m.
Golden Corral 2530 Chimney Rock Rd Hendersonville

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Just think only 48 days until SPRING is officially here, yeah! So now is the best time to get your bikes and trikes ready for some exciting and fun riding. Our ADD has scheduled June 25th for the "Western Wings Over the Carolinas" ride and picnic, more information will be available as the event get closer.

At the Officer's Conference on Saturday passed, all chapters have been asked to help with Shared Leadership with District and our ADDs in communication, recruiting and retention, and participation with other chapters. Glenn & Joy have to step back from their duties while Joy undergoes surgery and treatment for Breast Cancer. Let's do all we can to comply and help achieve this request, also keep them in your prayers.

"Wing Ding" is in Shreveport LA. June 28th-July 2nd. If you plan to attend, they are in need of 25 people to help for a few hours in areas such as Meet& Greet, Hospitality room, etc. Please let District or our ADD know if you would help out.

Rider Ed. has two classes available for ARC/TRC, dates are April 4th (rain date April 9th) also June 11th (rain date June 19th). If you are in need of a course to keep your levels program current or get it up-to-date this is the time, the class will be in Waynesville! The waiver to keep your status good will end the last day of June.

Our friends at chapter NC-I Asheville are looking for a new meeting venue. If you know of one get in touch with Charles Weinhagen at chefster@hotmail.com

Dale has covered the upcoming MFA class, however to let you know we still have two more openings for members that would like to attend. You need to get your \$30 to me by this month's meeting on the 19th. Please make checks payable to NC-GWRRRA.

Don't forget Thursday Feb. 3rd is our Cook's Nite-Out 6:30PM at the Moose Café. Make sure you have a reservation with Jerry by the 2nd. Email him at gqboykin@yahoo.com we hope to see you then. The weather will be much better.

Stay safe, stay warm and see ya soon!



From the Top

Reflections of the Membership Enhancement Coordinator
Bob Topper

So, how is everyone doing? Have you had enough snow yet? One good storm was enough, now let's get back to some warmer (ride worthy) weather. I am back to work full time, after a "self-imposed" hiatus, so, for now, it's going to be difficult for me to make the Hump Day Breakfasts and Rides, but I am living vicariously through y'all, so please get out and ENJOY when you can!

January started out with our Annual Ice-Cycle Lunch and Ride, with lunch being at Binion's, as usual, and we took a short ride after lunch to the Point Lookout Vineyards. It was a little cool, but we gathered on the side of their building, with the wind mostly blocked, and toasted in the New Year, with some non-alcoholic bubbly. We even stayed mostly dry, as we just barely avoided the heavy rain (we did encounter some drizzle).

The Cook's Night Out in January took place at our favorite Irish joint, Beef O'Brady's in Arden. It was good seeing everyone that was willing to make it. With the Covid issue still an issue, we totally understand and respect anyone's decision not to participate in our in-person get togethers. Please, everyone, be safe and stay healthy. We cannot stress that enough.

On Saturday, the 8th of January, Dale hosted our first, of at least a few, ride committee meetings for putting together a ride calendar for 2022. This was actually a hybrid in person and Zoom meeting, and a lot of ideas were shared and discussed. It looks like we will, once again, get a pretty full calendar of events to have the opportunity to participate in, throughout the year. I'm sure Dale will cover it in more detail. I will say, though, it's never too late to offer something up, so get with Dale, especially if you can't make the next meeting, to get your ideas some visibility!

In January, we did hold our Monthly Gathering as a Zoom event. We had a total of 16 Chapter Members join us and it was great to see everyone's faces, even if it wasn't in person. We are really looking forward to being able to have some warmer weather and healthier conditions so that we can resume our "normal" monthly breakfast, meeting, and rides. For now, please watch your emails for details, whether it be in-person or online. The next scheduled Gathering is on the February 19th.

That's about all that I have to say for this month, as there weren't any other rides or events taking place this past month. We really want to keep our groups momentum moving forward, as we have had some new members join us and, I hope, enjoy our company. When you have an opportunity to talk with a fellow winger, or any 2-wheel/3-wheel rider, please share your experiences and enthusiasm about our great group and the fun, knowledge, and friendships that they too can have.

Ride safe and avoid the white stuff,

Bob



Out and About

Reflections of the Ride Coordinator

Dale Yager

In January we held our first tour meeting trying to set up some plans for the 2022 riding season. We had a pretty good meeting with 9 in attendance and a few virtually. I have created an overall list of possible rides and destinations. We had some good discussions about 1 or possibly 2 long weekend rides. A favorite option seems to be Helen, GA where we can spend some time, ride the area and play tourist.

At this time, the second tour meeting is scheduled for after the February gathering at the O'Brien residence at 77 Cummings Cove Parkway, Hendersonville. This does depend on the current status of the virus. We may still make arraignments for this being a zoom meeting if necessary.

We have already plotted on the calendar events that are date specific, past events, and our routine events. Watch your e-mails for updates. Didn't make the first meeting, no problem! You're still welcome to join in.

For the past year and a half much of our routine training had been put on hold. This season we will be concentrating on getting back in the groove for training. Rusti, your Chapter Director, has set up the CPR/First Aid training for Saturday, March 5th, 2022 at the Henderson County Athletics and Activity Center, 708 South Grove Street, Hendersonville. The cost is \$30.00 per person but where else can you get that education for so little. I will be taking it to maintain my Levels program.

This summer I will be participating in a MSF Rider class that is held at the Blue Ridge Community College in Hendersonville. At the tour meeting, based on other events going on, we settled on Sunday, June 26th for the class. Again my hope is for several of us to sign up for the same class. This is the Basic Rider II. Class is from 8:00AM to 5:00PM rain or shine. Cost is \$85.00 and you need to be pre-registered.

Motorcycle Safety - Blue Ridge Community College

Proper riding gear must be worn at all times while attending the course, including Friday evening.

All students must wear the following:

- **Helmet and Eye Protection:** The helmet must meet DOT standards and can be full face, $\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ in design. Helmets with obvious defects such as no lining, a cracked shell, or defective chinstrap cannot be used. Sunglasses must meet the eye protection requirement.

- Over-the-Ankle Footwear: Shoes should be predominantly leather in construction and cover the anklebone. High top athletic shoes that meet the above criteria may be worn.
- Pants: Pant legs should reach the shoe tops and be made preferably of denim or a material of equivalent durability.
- Long-sleeve Shirt or Jacket: If the student chooses to wear a long-sleeve shirt, a jacket is not required. A shirt with sleeves to the wrist made of durable material is preferred. The shirt should cover the rider's shoulders (no shoulder cutouts allowed).
- Gloves: Gloves should be full-fingered and preferably made of leather. Style and material are the student's choice.

Both the CPR/First Aid and the MSF class will count for the GWRRA levels program. The CPR/First Aid class can get you or keep you current at Level 2. The MSF class can keep you current or upgrade you to the Level 3 status. Want to know more regarding the Levels program? Please feel free to ask me. I have obtained the Senior Master Level and am in need of both of these classes to stay current. One of the things that attracted me to GWRRA is the fact they are some of the best trained riders in the game.



Level I of the Rider Education Program is also referred to as Safe Miles. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or the Co-Rider to practice safe motorcycle operation whenever they operate their motorcycle.

Safety is a state of mind which can only be attained through total commitment. Every successful accomplishment begins with a commitment to reach the intended objective. This is true of the Rider Education Program and includes a promise to learn for the sake of Rider, Co-Rider, friends and family, and others on the road.

Though there is no mileage requirement to enter Level I, the commitment to safe riding is tracked by the number of accident free miles since joining GWRRA. Accident free miles are accumulated in 5,000 mile increments and may be updated at yearly intervals. Requirement: Verbal commitment to ride safely at all times. No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$6.00 per participant Receive: "Safe Miles" patch, Rider (or Co-rider) Rocker,

and mileage pin.



Level II of the REP is also referred to as Tour Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be safer motorcycle riders by taking approved motorcycle riding courses at regular intervals.

GWRRA has chosen several educational training programs for the Riders and Co-Riders such as the MSF (Motorcycle Safety Foundation) programs, the United Sidecar Association course, the CSC (Canadian Safety Council) programs, and the GWRRA's Advanced Riding courses.

Completing these courses provides the foundation and skills for your quest to be a safe motorcycle rider. All recognized programs are taught by qualified and nationally certified instructors.

For the Co-Rider, we have provided an excellent seminar and "Two Up" programs to assist in their role in the safety aspect of motorcycle riding.

Motorcycle education goes "hand in hand" with commitment. The "on bike" education by MSF, USCA, CSC and GWRRA for the Rider and Co-Rider and the "off bike" education designed specifically for the Co-Rider, provide a very effective approach to motorcycle safety. This is when a REP participant truly begins to understand what the Level I commitment means and sees the value in the program.

Requirement: Rider - a Certified Rider Course with 5,000 safe miles. Co-Rider - certified Co-rider Seminar or 2-up Rider Course. No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$5.00 per participant Receive: "Red Triangle" patch for either Rider or Co-rider signifying Level II participant.



Level III of the REP is also referred to as Certified Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to be prepared in the event of an accident to give aid and possibly save lives. This is done by being knowledgeable in First Aid or CPR and carrying a first aid kit on their motorcycle at all times.

It would be wonderful if we could achieve the coveted goal of zero accidents, however, we know realistically, accidents will happen. Because of this, it is important to be fully prepared to lend aid to unfortunate accident victims. It is important to always be prepared to save a life. Level III of the Rider Education Program was developed to deal with such circumstances by recognizing and encouraging proper First Aid or CPR training. CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation), has been used to save many lives. Being trained to render CPR or First Aid is a tremendous asset to those the REP participant will come in contact with daily.

Requirement: Current in Level II and have taken either First Aid or CPR training

No cost to sign up. Patches available at \$4.00 per participant

Receive: "Certified Tour Rider" or "Certified Co-Rider" patch.



Level IV is the most prestigious of the REP levels and is referred to as Master Tour Rider/Co-Rider. It represents the highest commitment of the Rider and/or Co-Rider to safe riding and preparedness. This commitment is shown by a demonstrated history of safe miles and current certification in both First Aid and CPR. These Master Tour Riders/Co-Riders are the finest example to every one of the highest commitment to safe motorcycle operation and preparedness.

Level IV of the REP, the Master Tour Rider, was designed for those special caring individuals who desire to "be all they can be" with regards to motorcycle safety. The requirements are more stringent than Level III and require a greater commitment. These individuals are caring, trained and prepared with the experience to back them up. It is realized Level IV is not for everyone, but for those who desire to be of greater service to their fellow man, it is the correct prescription.

Why desire to be a Level IV Master Tour Rider? It's a worthy goal. Being prepared to save a life is a high calling indeed! These individuals are shining examples to the rest of the GWRRRA membership. Others aspire to practice the same commitment as displayed by those who have attained Level IV. For that reason, because these individuals are ambassadors to the members at all levels, GWRRRA provides a special gathering to celebrate the Master Tour Rider commitment each year at the District Rally, Region D Rally and Wing Ding.

Requirement: Current in Level III for one year and have taken both First Aid and CPR training. Have 25,000 Safe Miles and must be committed to riding with "Proper Riding Gear" at all times. Cost: \$35.00 for each participant (Black and Gold patch is available for another \$8.00) Receive: "Special Triangular" patch with dark blue border and your individual Master number embroidered on it.

Note: all Level Program Patches are also available in "Black and Gold" at a charge of \$1.00 extra per level for levels I, II, and III.

So there you have the program structure:

- Level I Safety by Commitment
- Level II Safety by Education
- Level III Safety by Preparedness
- Level IV Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

The GWRRA is proud to present the Rider Education Program. We encourage you to think seriously about motorcycle safety and be a participant in the GWRRA Rider Education Program. You should also remember the old cliché, "an ounce of prevention IS worth a pound of cure." Always wear protective riding apparel!

Tech tip: One of the events we always have in the spring of the year is known as "Tech Day"

Tech Day is at the Yager's garage, 112 Mountain Place Hendersonville. It's tentatively set for Saturday April 2nd, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM. We try to teach each other how to work on the bikes. How to change oil, change spark plugs, and change the dreaded air filter. This year part of the plan is to change clutch and brake fluid as well as coolant. Lunch will be ordered in and you will be responsible for your order. If you plan to have your bike be a guinea pig, please let me know what you might need done. You will be responsible for your own parts. This is a training day and we may not be able to work on everyone's bike so pay attention so you can do your own later.

Dale Yager

Ride Coordinator

Chapter NC-M2

Member Info

Birthdays

2 Xiao Dan Gardner

2 Brian O'Brien

27 Michelle Yager

Ride Pots

Brian O'Brien

Lorrie O'Brien

Jerry Boykin

Chapter Pride

None awarded this month – virtual meeting
50/50

None awarded this month – virtual meeting

M2 Caretaker

Nancy Skerry

Wing Nut Award

None Awarded this month

M2 Happenings



M2 wishes everyone a healthy and happy 2022



Our Brave I-Cycle Riders

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Hump Day Ride	3 Cook's Night Out @Moose Cafe	4	5
6	7	8	9 Hump Day Ride	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Hump Day Ride	17	18	19 M2 meeting @Golden Corral Ride Mtng @ O'Brien's
20	21	22	23 Hump Day Ride	24	25	26
29	28					

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Hump Day Ride	3 Cook's Night Out @TBD	4	5
6	7	8	9 Hump Day Ride	10	11	12 M2 meeting @Golden Corral
13	14	15	16 Hump Day Ride	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Hump Day Ride	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Hump Day Ride	31		

Hump Day Breakfast Riders - every Wednesday

Pop's Diner

860 N Main St, 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

February location Moose Cafe

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