



February 2023 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is
Saturday, February 18, 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

February is a short month but with much to celebrate, like Lincoln's birthday, Valentine's Day, Washington's birthday, and did I say it's Chapter M2's birthday! Yes, on February 7th, 1992, M2 had its first meeting!

We are 31 years old and still going strong and having fun! With the closing of GWRRA, we have kept going and now we are a charter chapter of Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association. Five of our new district officers attended our meeting; Director, Libby Jennings, Ride Safety and Training officer, Roy & Cindy Bryant, District Treasure, Bev Chapman and her bodyguard Mr. Ron Chapman. Our house was packed. Kathy Claywell was introduced as our new "Sunshine Lady"! She will be a great asset to the chapter. Thank you Kathy.

Thursday, February 2nd, is our Cook's Night-Out at the Flat Rock Wood Room, I hope you got your reservation in. Then on the 4th, we are having the 2nd Ride planning meeting with plans for long, short and weekend rides. This will be at the Saluda Library on 44 West Main St. in Saluda, beginning at 9:45AM.

Hump Day has become a great event on Wednesdays, with breakfast at "EGGS UP GRILL" and most times, weather permitting, a ride follows. Dale started this event and has made it a great success! You may not know, but he will be having knee surgery later this month; however, please know that "Hump Day" will continue as planned. Rest easy Dale, we have your back!

Looking ahead to next month, we will start our "Ice Cream Rides" again on the last Friday of the month! Yum!

Our next meeting is February 18th at the Golden Corral. We eat at 9 AM. Meet at 9:45 AM. Hope to see everyone there to share the fun!

Ride Safe and Ride Often

Rusti



Comments from Carl

Assistant Chapter Director

Members, Guests, and Friends,

Thanks to all that attended our first gathering for the new year at the Golden Corral. It was wonderful to have a room full in attendance.

We have been blessed to have unseasonal weather that has allowed for some good riding. That is one of the benefits of living in Western North Carolina.

As we move forward into the new year we are working on the schedule of events for our "CLUB". The planning committee is looking for ideas, destinations, and things to do at the destinations.

We continue to provide safe, interesting, and worthwhile rides and everyone has an opportunity to provide information on the rides.

The success of any adventure is the involvement of all concerned. Make plans now to join us for the HUMP DAY breakfast each Wednesday at 9am. We meet at the Eggs Up Grill on Spartanburg Hwy across from the Chic-fil-a. Weather permitting there is a ride planned after breakfast.

The next gathering is February 18th at the Golden Corral, eat at 9am or sooner, meeting at 9:45am. Don't forget, "Cooks Night Out" is on the 1st Thursday of the month.

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

Until next time, Kick stands up!!!!

Carl Hinderer



A View From the Top

Reflections of the Membership Enhancement Coordinator
Bob Topper

Well, 2023 is off to a pretty decent start, as we've really not had any "snow" days, but it has been cold and wet, especially on Wednesdays and most weekends. It's a matter of getting the riding in when you can.

The year started with our Annual Ice-Cycle Lunch and Ride. Lunch was held, once again, at Binion's in Hendersonville, with 19 members attending. Rusti led a group of 13 individuals to Pretty Place, otherwise known as Fred W. Symmes Chapel, located at a YMCA camp in South Carolina. Normally, this is a location with an amazing view of the foothills and South Carolina, but.... all that was viewable on New Year's Day was a wall of white. Our group got a firsthand look at what the inside of a cloud looks like. Unfortunately, I was not able to make it, as I was sidelined with Covid and opted not to risk infecting anyone else.

The first Cook's Night of 2023 was held at O'Charley's Restaurant in Hendersonville. Again, I was unable to make it and I don't have any other information.

On Saturday, January 7th, Dale held our first ride meeting/dinner at Mike's Pizza and Pasta. We had a huge turnout and lots of ride suggestions and ideas were submitted and discussed. It is great to see the members enthused about putting a ride calendar together and it looks like we're going to have another busy ride season. Now if we can get the weather to cooperate, 2023 will continue to be great! Dale has details of our next ride meeting in his article, so keep up the enthusiasm!



We held our first Chapter Gathering as an Eagle Wings Chartered Chapter on January 21st at the Golden Corral. We had 23 Chapter members present, along with 5 District Officers. As a matter of fact, our District Director, Libby Jennings, read and presented our Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association Chapter Charter to Rusti and Dale. Yay us! In addition to meeting the other District staff that were present, Roy & Cindy Bryant, and Ron & Beverly Chapman, we learned that our District was going to hold a Swap Shop in Durham on March 25th. Watch for more details later, if you are interested in attending.

Also at our Gathering, we discussed our ride meeting that was held on the 7th, and that our regular monthly ride/events will continue as normal. Cook's Night Out will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month, our Gatherings will continue on the 3rd Saturday of each month, followed by a ride when the weather permits, and our Monthly Ice Cream Rides will begin again in March, on the last Friday of each month, through October.

I also asked each member present to complete a new Member Information form, with our new Four Seasons Wings and Things Logo and the EWMA Logo on it. I will have these forms available at each event that I attend so that our membership "file" is complete. At some point, I will email a copy of the blank form to any members that I have not been able to get a completed form from. If you would like,

you can email me at ncm2.webmaster@gmail.com and request the form be sent. Either way, I appreciate everyone's assistance in getting these completed.

Please check out our website, www.fourseasonwingsandthings.org and/or our Facebook Group Page, EWMA Chapter NC-M2. These are both kept as current as possible for your benefit and enjoyment. I've recently started putting our Member's submitted photos on the Home Page of our website. If you have a picture of your ride, please consider sending it to me at ncm2.webmaster@gmail.com so that it (or they) can be included. Currently, the pictures are in alphabetical order by member last name, eventually, I hope to make them scroll randomly. If you have any other ideas or suggestions for the website or the Facebook page, please feel free to submit them.

Have a wonderful February and Ride Safe / Ride Often!

Bob



Out and About

Reflections of the Ride Coordinator
Dale Yager

So, what rides do you want for 2023?

Like anything we try to do, everything is subject to change. As you may have already read from an e-mail Rusti sent out, the second ride committee time and location are different from what we hoped it would be at the last gathering.

Our second meeting is now being held on February 4th (same date as before) but now is taking place from 9:45am to 1:00pm at the Saluda Library located at 44 W. Main Street Saluda, NC. It's on the second floor but I'm told there is an elevator there. You might want to bring a snack or 2, and if you want something specific to drink, then that as well. There will be coffee available. This is due to uncontrollable changes that took place after our last gathering.

Enough about that, so what do we expect? At the last tour meeting there were a ton of ideas being thrown out for possible ride destinations. I jotted them all down as best I could, then I created an overall list of possible destinations. We will be using many of the ideas for the upcoming season, but I need more information.

I need to know approximately how far to the destination (one way), as many people will decide if they are going or not based on distance. I need to know if we are stopping at a specific location and if there is a cost, such as admission or parking. What we might stop to see while on the way there or when we arrive. The leave date, time and ride leader will be set by the ride team at the third meeting. If it's an overnight event, someone will need to research a place to stay, either a hotel or VRBO. I need to know if you are willing to lead the ride or at least plan the ride.

Before the second meeting I will e-mail everyone the list of destinations along with a cheat sheet to fill in as much information as you can about the ride. If you presented a ride destination at the first meeting, then I expect that you should work on providing more specific updated information. This is, again, looking like a full season with lots to do, and as a motorcycle association, we still need as much help as we can get. This is a group effort that needs input by the group. This needs to be done before our third and final tour meeting.



Tech Tip: What's worth a million dollars one day then worth five dollars in a garage sale the next? Let's talk about helmets! Why you ask? Because I just trashed one.

During my time as an Investigator at the Oswego County Sheriff's Department, I specifically remember investigating 2 separate incidents where the helmet was an issue, and as a result, each person wearing it died. Yes, they both were wearing helmets, but they were not being worn correctly.

One was a snowmobile accident where a female passenger was wearing a helmet that didn't fit her. She was wearing a knit hat underneath the helmet to take up space for the helmet that was too large. The driver hit a bump that ejected her off the snowmobile and her helmet flew off her head. She struck a tree with her head, causing her death. The second one was a young man in his late teens that was riding a motorcycle. He also had a helmet on, but it wasn't strapped on. He ran off the road losing his helmet in the process and struck a telephone pole. There are more incidents but these two I remember the most.

Correct size and proper use are essential. So how old is your helmet? Did it come with the used bike you bought, and its true age is unknown, but it matches the bike color? This happens more than you know. Are you wearing a helmet that was fitted for a previous owner but might not

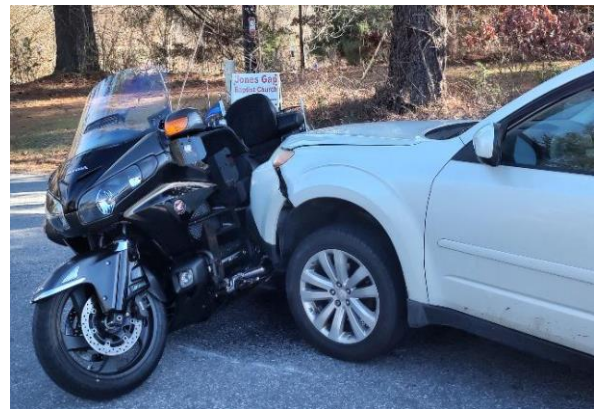
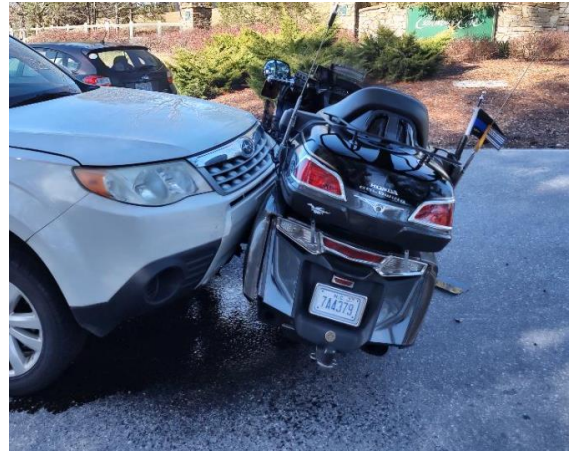
be the correct size for you? Is your helmet more than 5 years old? All of these are reasons to start looking for a new helmet.

In my case, the helmet recently hit the ground. It doesn't really look too bad, just a few scratches, but once it is smacked, to the trash it goes. Let me describe my helmet hitting the pavement; I knew the moment the car broadsided me I was in trouble, but I was somewhat prepared. I was wearing all the gear all the time, ATGATT. I don't remember feeling my right hip hitting the pavement, or even my elbow, what I do remember is my head hitting the pavement with a whiplash type strike.

As I laid in the road for a few seconds to gather my thoughts, I realized that I thought I was going to be ok. The end result was that I had some bruising, but my head didn't suffer any injury. If I was one of those no helmet guys in South Carolina, I think the outcome would have been

much different. Make sure you have a good and well-fitting helmet! I already have a new one and am ready to ride.

Dale Yager
Ride Coordinator
Chapter M2



Member Info:
February

Birthdays:

2 Brian O'Brien
11 Billy Pullum
27 Michelle Yager

Anniversaries:

21 Billy & Pat Pullum

Monthly Gathering Information:

Ride Pots:

December CNO - Karen Newhall

Ice Cycle Lunch/Ride - Carl Hinderer

January CNO - Billy Pullum

Chapter Pride: Norma Brabb

M2 Caretaker: Bob Topper

50/50: Ken Weglarz


Wing Nut Award: None



EVENTS:



February 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 CNO Flat Rock Wood Room 6:30 PM	3	4 2 nd Ride Planning Meeting – Saluda Library 9:45am – 1:00pm
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 	15	16	17	18 Chapter Gathering – 9:00am Golden Corral
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

Notes


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

Ride Meeting – RSVP to Dale at doowing@aol.com or Rusti at trikelady@yahoo.com

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



March 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 CNO -Location to be announced at previous months Gathering	3	4
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12	13	14	15	16	17 	18 Chapter Gathering – 9:00am Golden Corral
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 1 st Ice Cream Ride of the Season	

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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.

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

February 2, 2023, Flat Rock Wood Room, 1501 Greenville Hwy, Hendersonville, NC

Rusti has already sent an email, please be sure to RSVP.

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