



February 2024 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, February 17, 2024

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

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Remember your Valentine this month!



Chapter Director ENJOY THE RIDE!!



Hello M2!! Wow, we have done a lot of admin for the first month!!! Bob is working on the membership roster with updates of numbers, etc. Debbie and I have had a lot of discussions and emails flying around about all of the aspects of running the Chapter according to EWMA standards. Dale just finished our Group Riding Workshop. If you missed it, he taught a great deal of correct group riding details that we as a chapter needed to hear!!! Brian shared some about proper use of medical gear, which we will detail further with our First Aid Workshop in late March or April. Our primary goal when we do any riding is your SAFETY!!! Our riding season is coming fast, so be prepared to ride! Now is the time for those fresh tires, oil change, etc.



Thanks to Libby Jennings, NC District Director, for coming to our January meeting to present a certificate of appreciation to Rusti Boykin for her dedication to the chapter as director of NC-M2.

We also recognized officers past and present for the hard work they've been doing for the Chapter; Kathy Claywell-Sunshine, Laurie O'Brien-Treasurer, Bob Topper-Newsletter & Membership,

Dale Yager-Safety Ride Coordinator, Gerry Boykin-Cook's Night Out. [Not present; Carl Hinderer-Assistant Chapter Director, Karen Newhall-Fundraising.]



Bob Topper was recognized at the January meeting as a new Assistant Chapter Director and will continue as Webmaster and Membership. So now we will have both Carl and Bob as Assistant Chapter Directors.

Trinka King came to give a [Safelite](#) presentation explaining services they offer to abused adults and children. Safeligh since 1984 has been providing trauma informed services that allow survivors of interpersonal violence (i. e. domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, elder abuse, child abuse, etc.) to build new, violence-free lives in a sustainable way. Safeligh is a comprehensive nonprofit serving survivors and we offer a continuum of services helping move survivors from crisis to sustainability. Safeligh is known as the primary service provider for survivors in Henderson County. Safeligh is one of the charitable organizations supported by our chapter.

As many of you know from the first meeting in January, we have a lot on our schedule this year. First Aid Workshop, Website Workshop, Rally Rides, Overnight Rides, Hillbilly Hoedown, etc. We will finish our second of three Tour Planning Meetings soon after you receive this newsletter. Our first CNO will be [Stone Ridge Tavern](#), 1003 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC Thurs., Feb. 1, 6:45 PM.

It's such fun working with like-minded people that want to make the chapter as successful as it can be!!!! Stay tuned for more good things to come and participate when you can, we all understand that you can't do it all for many different reasons....If you have any suggestions or input feel free to talk to me or email me at any time, I'm here for you!!!!

I will say it often, lets " ENJOY THE RIDE" together!!!

Marty Wood

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A View From the Top

Reflections of Assistant Chapter Director
Bob Topper

So, guess what! It's February and the weather is a bit cold and wet, not good riding weather, and yes, we're in the middle of planning our riding season! Isn't it great? I hope y'all are taking the time to help the process, give your input, and be involved. We do this every year, and it really works for our group.



On Saturday, January 20th, our chapter held its first Gathering for the year at the Golden Corral in Hendersonville. We had a fantastic turnout with 22 members and 8 guests, including 4 new members. Among our guests was Trinka King, a representative from the organization Safelight, which is one of our chosen groups that we select to sponsor throughout the year. Trinka gave us a very good presentation of what Safelight is about and how our donations help them help our community. In short, Safelight is a comprehensive agency serving survivors of family/domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking, and they are located right here in Hendersonville.

In addition to Trinka, we were also visited by some District personnel, District Director Libby Jennings as well as District Safety & Ride Coordinator Roy and Cindy Bryant. Libby presented Rusti & Gerry Boykin with a well-deserved thank you and certificate for their involvement and leadership in keeping our Chapter going, growing, and thriving through the transition from GWRRA to Eagle Wings.

Our new Chapter Director, Marty, recognized the other officers of our Chapter for their dedication and service with a Certificate of Appreciation. Recognized were Gerry Boykin for CNO Coordination, Dale Yager as Safety and Ride Coordinator, myself as Membership and Webmaster, Laurie O'Brien as Chapter Treasurer, Kathy Claywell as our Sunshine Person, and myself again, as Newsletter Editor. Also recognized, but not present, was Carl Hinderer as Assistant Chapter Director.

Coming up in February, we have our first Cook's Night Out on the 1st at the Stone Ridge Tavern in Asheville, as well as our 2nd ride committee meeting on Saturday the 3rd at the Saluda Library, and then our next Chapter Gathering on the 17th of February. Come on out and join us!

Have a great month and remember to pace yourselves, as we have an extra day this month!

Ride when you can and Ride safe,

Bob

Safety and Ride Coordinator

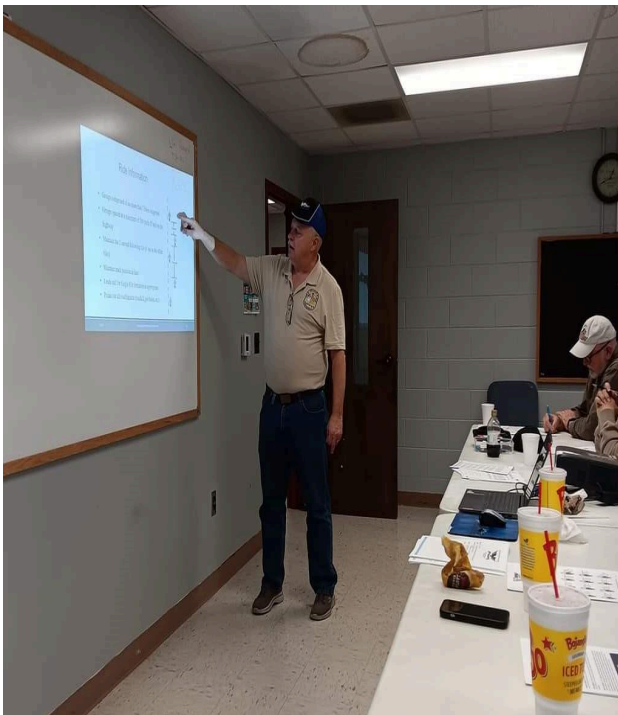
By: Dale Yager



NEW INFORMATION:

Riding Workshop:

Saturday January 27 th we had a group of 16 riders/co-riders attend the Group Riding workshop that we hosted at the Salvation Army in Hendersonville. I really like giving out the information that I have and even though 16 was a good number, I would have liked more, especially the newer members to the group. There were great 2-way conversations on the best way to handle many riding situations. I thank all those that took the time to attend and hope everyone can make any future events. We also covered 1st on the scene response for accident or emergency situations and Riding in the Mountains.



Calendar for next season: After our first ride meeting had to be canceled due to the slippery weather conditions we were able to hold a meeting the following Saturday, January 13 th . This was very well attended and some great ideas were discussed. By the time you get this newsletter, I will have e-mailed to you a copy of the list of possible rides for this ride season. From that list we will be selecting which rides will be our extended weekend (overnight) rides. We will be setting the dates on a calendar. We will add rides that are date specific and finally choose rides for our regular riding days. This will be done at our next tour meeting on February 3 rd at the Saluda Library. Parking is in the side lot off Carolina Street. Anyone and everyone is invited to participate.

The fact is, the more the better. We want the destinations to be where you, the members, want to go and what you want to do. We will have a third meeting on Saturday March 2nd when we should have more details about the overnight rides and assign leaders for the rest of the rides. After this a list of rides will be created that will let everyone know where and when we meet. We need help from our entire membership, not just a few people.

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. As the weather is changing, there will be fewer rides planned and they will be shorter and closer to home.

Tech Tip: Check your jump pack/air compressor to verify they are fully charged. Change the battery in your key fob and make sure the bike battery is up to snuff for the season.

Member Info:

February

Birthdays

2	Brian O'Brien
11	Billy Pullum
27	Michelle Yager

Anniversaries

21	Billy & Pat Pullum
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Monthly Gathering Winners:

Ride Pots: NA

Ice Cream Ride - (March thru October)

Chapter Pride: Bob Topper - \$5

50/50: \$43/\$49 winner

M2 Caretaker: Marty Wood

Wing Nut Award: NA

EVENTS:

Hump Day Breakfast Riders

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, Everyone encouraged to wear holiday colors!

RSVP to Rusti or Gerry at trikelady@yahoo.com

February CNO - [Stone Ridge Tavern](#), 1003 Brevard Road, Asheville, NC Thurs., Feb. 1, 6:45 PM

March CNO - [Hannah Flannagan](#), Thur., 300 N. Main St., Hendersonville, NC 28792 Mar. 7

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