



January 2022 Newsletter

Editor's note: As you can see, there are some dramatic changes to the NC-M2 newsletter this month. After a lengthy, award winning run as Newsletter Coordinator, Karen Newhall is moving onto other interests. We thank her for her invaluable contribution to keeping our members informed and entertained with her carefully-crafted visually-pleasing newsletters. Acknowledging that I am unable to fill her shoes, as the new newsletter coordinator, I am committed to getting essential information out on time in a streamlined way. Please bear with us during this transition. Any errors are my own and any delightful newsletter components that you miss were the under-acknowledged effort of our retiring newsletter coordinator.

Our next Gathering is
Saturday, January 15th, 2022
Eat at 9 a.m. meet at 9:30 a.m.
Golden Corral 2530 Chimney Rock Rd Hendersonville

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Director's Corner



NC-M2 Director
Rusti Boykin

Hope everyone's Christmas was very merry, the holidays have been surprisingly "spring like" which has given us many opportunities to ride. Today we will be out on our annual "ICE-CYCLE" ride having mild temperatures and low chances of precipitation.

Ring in the New Year, I am happy to introduce our new Asst. Chapter Director, Carl Hinderer. Carl has been a longtime GWRRA member, who moved to Pennsylvania for a few years and has returned to Hendersonville to stay. Carl will be a great asset to our chapter.

More good news Nancy Skerry has stepped into the role of Chapter Editor; this is the first of many newsletters. Thank you Nancy, everyone will try to get their articles to you in a timely manner and Jerry has taken over as CNO coordinator. As you know Ken and Karen have been doing this very well for 5 years and it is time to take a rest. Kelly is staying on as our "Sunshine Gal", sending out cards with love and friendship.

Dale will be heading up a ride committee for 2022; Bob Topper is always looking for people to lead our end of the month ice cream rides and then there are the "Hump-Day" breakfast rides, and yes even you can lead these. They can be short and simple point A to B or more challenging. It's up to you.

At our January gathering I will hand out 2022 Visitation Cards. You never know when we might travel to other chapters. Also I am hoping to get a final word back from the district educator on the requested date for our Medic/First Aid renewal class.

I have an inner feeling that this year will be a restart of a really good riding season so Happy New Year!
Rusti

From the Top



Reflections of the Membership Enhancement Coordinator
Bob Topper

Happy New Year! We've put another year behind us and can now start making 2022 the best ever. Well, we have to start somewhere, right? When 2021 began, we really didn't have much assurance of being able to ride and get together frequently, and it was actually a pretty good year for riding and spending time with friends and family. I hope you all shared the same experiences and that we can continue to get back to a "normal", whatever that may be.

Our Cook's Night Out in December was held at Mike's Pizza & Pasta in Hendersonville, and sort of felt like an early Christmas party, well, it was December.... anyway the food was great and the company was even better. Thank you, again to Ken & Karen for keeping us fed ALL YEAR and we look forward to Gerry taking over as our CNO coordinator for 2022.

The Wednesday Hump Day Breakfast & Rides continued throughout December with some pretty decent weather, especially considering it's the Winter time. We've found some new destinations, as well as places to eat. We only had one rainout for the month, and that was the last Hump Day of the Month. These have been a great way to stay in touch throughout the month, even if you don't ride. Watch for Dale's emails and on Facebook for more updates on them.

We, once again, held our Chapter Christmas Party at the Bay Breeze Restaurant in Hendersonville on the 18th. Thank you to Karen and Rusti for organizing this event. This is always a great time with laughs and fun shared by all. I try and do my best to make sure of the laughs part! Thanks, Kathy, for letting me be my "usual" me, haha. Thanks to everyone for coming out, that could make it, and if you weren't able to, we hope to see you again soon, and that everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

In January, we'll continue to have our Monthly Gathering at the Golden Corral. At this point, I don't believe a ride is scheduled for after the meeting, but, if the weather is nice, you can be sure we're going to go somewhere. Speaking of January and riding, it looks like our January 1st Ice Cycle Ride may be a rainy washout, but lunch at Binion's is always a great way to start a year. Looking forward to seeing y'all there.

And finally, many thanks again to Karen for the many years of putting together our Chapter Newsletter and making us "Look good" to the rest of the world. You really have done a remarkable job. And to Nancy, for taking over the duties, welcome to the mix! I'm sure you're going to do a great job, as well. Heck, I'll even try to get my articles to you a little earlier. Thanks.

Ride safe and ride often,
Bob

Out and About



Reflections of the Ride Coordinator
Dale Yager

Typically in January, after we relax from our holiday rush, we start setting up our next season's schedule. We want several people to be part of the tour committee so all the planning doesn't fall on a few members who already do too much. If you can, please be a part of the committee. If you can't, we are always looking for ride ideas to put on the schedule. We like short rides, long day rides, rides to special events, or special locations that may or may not be motorcycle destinations. We are looking for long distance suggestions for a possible long weekend ride. We want something to fit everyone's idea of riding.

The first ride meeting will be held at the Yager residence - 112 Mountain Place, Hendersonville, on Saturday 01/08/22 starting at 6:00pm. Bring your ideas, some note paper and pens, a 2022 calendar, and maybe some research on the ride destinations you are proposing such as cost and distance. More information can be finalized if the ride is selected to be scheduled. These ride scheduling events are an extremely important part of the season. Yes, you newer members are welcome to participate as well!

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 (not literally) for training. Your Chapter Director is currently in the process of setting up the CPR/First Aid training for the end of January or early February. We will give you more on that as it becomes available.

This summer I will be participating in a MSF Rider class that is held at the Blue Ridge Community College in Hendersonville. They have put out their class schedule with a few dates for the class that I am interested in taking. My hope is I can convince several of you to take the class with me. I have taken it at least 4 times but still continue to take it to sharpen my skills.

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 as a 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.

Tech tip: Last month I spoke of the rattle in the front end of my bike. I ordered a replacement back half of the front fender. When I went to replace it, I found some hidden damage where the 4 main bolts bolt to the forks. 2 of the bolt areas were totally broken out while 3 of the 4 back bolts were also broken out. So what was the cause? Ok, you can say I'm clueless. I did take this opportunity to repair the broken pieces of the fender as an experiment to see if it could be done successfully. It can! The use of fiberglass back matt and ABS glue can work. I'm not going to put it back on the bike but it's good to know how to do some minor repairs.



Picture of Pretty Place on one of our Hump Day Rides with Bob Topper's granddaughter, Madison.

Dale
Ride Coordinator
Chapter NC-M2

Member Info

Birthdays

13 Richard Arceneaux
13 David Skerry
19 Pat Seacord
26 Jean Marie Kennedy

Anniversaries

30 Jim & Norma Brabb

Ride Pots

None distributed in December

Chapter Pride

Not awarded in December

50/50

None distributed in December

M2 Caretaker

Rusti Boykin

Wing Nut Award

Not awarded in December

M2 Happenings

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 I-cycle ride @Binions
2	3	4	5 Hump Day Ride	6 Cook's Night Out @TBD	7	8 6:00pm ride planning @Yagers
9	10	11	12 Hump Day Ride	13	14	15 M2 meeting @Golden Corral
16	17	18	19 Hump Day Ride	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Hump Day Ride	27	28	29
30	31					

February 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
13	14	15	16 Hump Day Ride	17	18	19 M2 meeting @Golden Corral
20	21	22	23 Hump Day Ride	24	25	26
29	28					

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

January location - Beef O'Brady's, 2625 Hendersonville Rd, Arden, NC

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