



January 2023 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

How quickly 2022 has come and gone, it's said that time flies when you're having fun and that is exactly what our chapter has been doing.

Now moving forward into this new year, we need to be thinking about rides and fun things to do. As Dale has said many times, anyone can plan a ride, long or short. There will be some long day rides, Hump Day rides and a couple of weekend rides.

This year I plan to work with Carl, to get him acquainted and comfortable with chapter issues. So, I ask each member to be helpful guiding him through the year. I am sure there are going to be a lot of new things coming from EWMA, to every chapter.

We are also in need of a Sunshine Lady, or Man, to send cards to members for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, etc. Kelly did a great job; she is truly missed.

There will be a memorial for Kelly on January 14th at Grace Lutheran Church in Hendersonville at 11AM, I would like to take up a collection to be donated to the International Multiple Myeloma Foundation, in lieu of flowers, as she requested.

Please watch for an email as to when and where we will assemble to participate in her celebration of life.

Now, on with today's "Icecycle" ride and celebrating the New Year, let the new riding season begin!

Rusti



A View From the Top

Reflections of the Membership Enhancement Coordinator
Bob Topper

And so another year ends, as a New Year begins. Welcome 2023! To me, the anticipation of what the new year has in store, always has a certain excitement to it. It's a time to reflect on the prior year and to plan on making the next one even better. I hope you're all with me on that. See Dale's article regarding the planning of our upcoming year's riding schedule! I've learned that not all chapters do a schedule like we do, and that many are very impressed that we plan the year in advance, and stick to it, as well as we do. I hope you'll be able to be a part of it.



Our final Cook's Night Out of 2022 was held on the 1st of December at the Olive Garden in Arden. Once again, we had a very good showing, and everyone had a good time. I would like to say Thank You to Gerry and Rusti, for putting together our CNO each month and keeping us all fed. A lot of work goes into making this, as well as so many other things in our Chapter successful! While I'm at it, I would like to thank everyone in our chapter that gets involved and makes it such a pleasure to be a part of. There are a lot of things that take place "behind the scenes" that many of you may not be aware of, but let me tell you, there is a lot of time and effort that goes into keeping our group going. I am happy to be a part of it and proud to see us thrive and continuing on, as we are. If you are interested in helping or taking on a role in our Chapter, please talk with Rusti about how you too can share in our success!

We do not hold a Chapter Gathering in December, instead we get together for our Annual Chapter Christmas Dinner & Party. This year, we again celebrated at the Bay Breeze Restaurant in Hendersonville, where we had a room all to ourselves and really had a fantastic time. I did not wear my Wing Nut Award, as it would have clashed with my outfit. That's my story and I'm sticking with it.

I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a safe Holiday Season. To kick off our New Year, our Chapter has an annual Ice Cycle Ride on January 1st, when the weather allows, preceded by lunch at Binion's Roadhouse in Hendersonville. This year looks to be a beautiful 60+ degrees, great riding weather for January! Unfortunately, I will not be able to participate, as I just tested positive for the Covid virus and would not want to subject any of you to that. I understand that there are already like 17 folks signed up (I was one) and Rusti has a nice ride planned. With the great weather outlook, maybe it will be longer!?! There will be many more rides and fun to be had in 2023, and I really look forward to them!

Happy New Year, all, and safe riding!

Bob



Out and About

Reflections of the Ride Coordinator
Dale Yager

So what rides do you want for 2023?

If you like what we did last year, then let's keep the momentum going. Many of you joined us well after the season had already been planned. This is how we put together a ride calendar:

Our first tour meeting will be Saturday, January 7th at 4:30pm at Mike's Pizza and Pasta, 803 Spartanburg Highway. Please plan to bring your ideas for rides, paper and pencil (as we make frequent changes), a blank calendar and your thinking caps. This is only the first of hopefully 3 meetings. If you know of a specific motorcycle event, please bring information on that as well.

Already in the hopper from Brian Wittenberg are the highest points in Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, as well as Georgia. These are one day rides which we can call the "Let's get high" tours. I plan to use these throughout the summer. Again, each location will be a single day ride.

We are looking for other single day ride destinations, or even just big loop rides. We can look at some of the loops on the "Wild Rides" map and just pick a loop. We would like to have a couple of overnight (weekend) rides for the season, as well, but need several suggestions to whittle down what you, the members, really want to do. They might be motorcycle destination specific rides or special places to see. Not sure about the overnight rides? Just ask anyone that has been on them. They are great times for all. This is the time to explore some of the neighboring states and ride some of their fantastic roads. We also need ride ideas for Hump Day rides, as well as volunteers to plan and lead some of them.

We will still have the standard rides throughout the year, such as "Cooks Night Out" rides on the first Thursday of the month, rides after our gatherings on the third Saturday of the month and our ice cream rides on the last Friday night of the month. Start checking out your calendar for other hosted motorcycle events that we might want to attend. Right now the season is wide open!

I am also looking at rider education opportunities for everyone. I believe under the new Eagle Wings that it will be much easier to get great riding safety information to everyone. Last year many of us participated in the MSF class held at Blue Ridge College. Some of you had joined after that point, but I believe there are those that would still benefit from it this year. I will be talking to you individually.

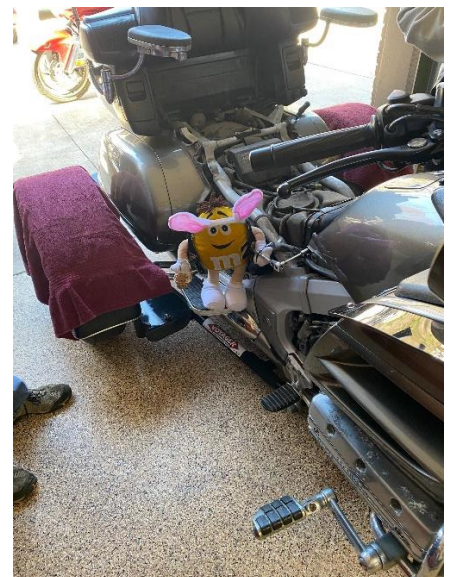
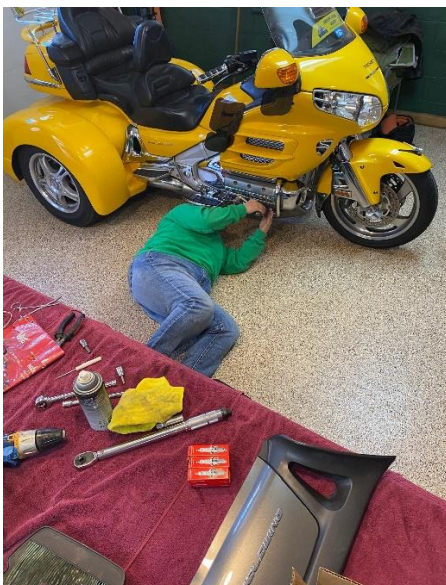
As a group I am hoping to get as many as possible involved in the "Bike Safe" program put on by the Police Departments of North Carolina.

I hope to make this one of our most enjoyable seasons yet!



Tech Tip: Things that are dark? Depending on what we are talking about is whether they are good or bad! Dark coffee or dark chocolate might be a good thing to some people. Dark colors for clothes have certain hiding factors that might be desirable. Dark areas on the road surface! Don't like them at all. In group riding we preach, for the most part, staggered formation. There is a reason for that which I will come back to. Typically, we divide the lane of travel into thirds. Left track is where the left tires of a car would travel. Right track is where the right tires of a car would travel. Center track is the area in between the left and the right. As we look at the entire lane, more often than not, you can see that the center track is darker in color than the left and right tracks. It can be caused by a lot of factors, but for the most part, it is because the engine of cars and truck are in the center. They leak fluids on the road surface leaving the center track darker than the others. Additionally, the car tires wear off much of what might have been left in their path. So, what are the darker spots on the road surface? Who knows, but there is a good chance that motor oil is part of it. Thus, the reason for riding in either the left or right tracks. Since the contact patch of bikes are so small, it doesn't take much to lose its grip on the road surface. This time of year, while out riding, I noticed, in the shaded areas, that the entire road surface looked dark. My interpretation was that there was still moisture on the road surface. Being that we have been in an extreme cold snap, I would bet that the dark surface could mean ice. If you see it, ride through it with extreme caution. Sometimes you might see where there was a spill of something on the road surface or that a vehicle appeared to be losing a large amount of fluid. It could be liquid oozing out from a garbage truck or brake fluid from a ruptured brake line. Whatever the dark area is, my plan is to avoid it, if at all possible. Change your lane position, slow down, and look for a way around it, which brings us back to another reason for staggered formation, having time and space to maneuver without affecting other riders. There will be more discussion on staggered formation in future articles. Now, I think I'll have a cup of hot dark chocolate.

Dale Yager
Ride Coordinator
Chapter NC



In Memorium



We lost a very dear member of our Chapter NC-M2 family on December 10th. Kelly Spangler passed away, after a tough 4 year battle with Multiple Myeloma, a rare blood cancer. Kelly, along with her husband Ed, have been longtime members of our Chapter, with Kelly serving as our Sunshine Lady, off and on for several years, always bringing a smile and bit of joy into everyone's lives.

Between treatments, she would do her best to come out and join us for any event possible, always upbeat and positive. In recent years, she and Ed would be out and about in their beautiful Vanderhall. Kelly would even bring her great-grandchildren to Ice Cream Rides in it, and the whole time, with a huge smile.

You will be missed, Kelly.

Please keep Ed and her family in your prayers. There will be a funeral service at Grace Lutheran Church in Hendersonville, NC on January 14th at 11:00 AM.

Member Info:

January

Birthdays:

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| 13 | Richard Arceneaux |
| 13 | David Skerry |
| 9 | Pat Seacord |

Anniversaries:

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| 30 | Jim & Norma Brabb |
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Monthly Gathering Information:

None to Report as there no Monthly Gathering in December



Five Things I Like Almost As Much As Riding My Bikes!

- 1). Looking at my bikes
- 2). Talking about my bikes
- 3). Watching TV programs about bikes
- 4). Websites about bikes
- 5). Chocolate



EVENTS:



January 2023

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
|---|------|------|------|---|------|---|
| 1 Lunch@ Binion's Roadhouse, 1:00pm & IceCycle Ride | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 CNO O'Charley's Restaurant 6:30pm | 6 | 7 Ride Planning Meeting, Mike's Pizza, 4:30 PM |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Chapter Gathering, 9:00am at Golden Corral |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
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Notes

CNO – RSVP to Rusti or Gerry at trikelady@yahoo.com or ggboykin@yahoo.com by Jan. 4th – 4:00pm
 Ride Meeting – RSVP to Dale at doowing@aol.com or Rusti at trikelady@yahoo.com
 Chapter Gathering – Eat @ 9:00 am, meet at 9:45, possible ride to follow.



February 2023

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
|------|------|------|------|----------------------------|------|---|
| | | | 1 | 2 CNO – Location TBD | 3 | 4 |
| 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 | | | | |
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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

January 5, 2023, O'Charley's Restaurant, 65 Highlands Sq. Drive, Hendersonville, NC
(WalMart Plaza in Hendersonville)
Gerry will send out an email

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