



# January 2024 Newsletter



## **Our next Gathering is:**

Saturday, January 20, 2024

Eat at 9 a.m. meet at 9:45 a.m.

Golden Corral, 2530 Chimney Rock Rd, Hendersonville, NC

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# *Chapter Director*

## *ENJOY THE RIDE!!*



Well, M2, here we go on a new adventure!!! Most of you know me by now, but if you don't here is a quick description of who I am...married to Debbie 49+ years and grandfather of six with three adult children. Been involved in motorcycling for most of my life, getting a bike at an early age. I love to ride. I think I've owned every brand of motorcycle but Kawasaki ... .having been heavily involved in motorcycle clubs the entire time helping with every aspect including various officer positions. I took one chapter to 501c3 Status as president. So, I am stepping into this chapter that is already strong from the efforts of faithful members. We will continue getting stronger and bigger!!!

We will be making some small tweaks and changes to the Newsletter. We'll be having more training available. And we will be seeking member input about ways and things we can improve our chapter. Watch for a survey to come out asking for your ideas and input (written reminders for me!). But please don't hesitate to speak to me about your ideas if you prefer the "face to face" interaction as we continue our journey. I learned early in my work career that the best decisions come from a "multitude of counsel." Your opinion is vital to the success of this group and important ... .Join me and let's "ENJOY THE RIDE" together!!!

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## A View From the Top

Reflections of the Membership Enhancement Coordinator  
Bob Topper

Well, Happy New Year everyone! I would like to wish everyone a very safe and wonderful 2024! Last year had its share of great times, as well as not so good times, for some. Hopefully, this coming year will be better, and we will be able to watch our Chapter continue to grow and prosper, and our members along with it.

Starting the new year off, as you have seen, or maybe just read about, Marty Wood and his wife, Debbie, are taking on the role of our Chapter Directors. Please help welcome them into the ranks of our Officer core and assist them whenever possible. Marty's enthusiasm is fantastic, and I look forward to working with him and Debbie, and seeing if that enthusiasm isn't contagious.

As they are stepping up to fill the position, it means that Rusti and Gerry are stepping down. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with them and helping them to grow our chapter and keep the participation levels so high, especially through the transition from GWRRA to Eagle Wings. It has been an honor to serve in this, their second stint as Chapter Directors. Thank you, Rusti and Gerry, you can now just enjoy being just "regular members", yeah right!

Our Chapter did enjoy a final Cook's Night Out in December, at Mike's Pizza & Pasta on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December. We had another great turnout and once again, I'd like to thank Gerry and Rusti for their efforts in setting up the CNO for the entire year! I hope you both realize how much you both are appreciated in this Chapter.

As I've said before, there is a lot that goes on "behind the scenes", so to speak, that many of you may not be aware of. There is a tremendous team of people who keep things going, like the CNO and the Hump Day Rides and everything else that "happens" for the member's benefit. That's why it is so great to see newer members stepping up, like Marty and Debbie, to take on a challenge and participate in more ways than just riding along. To everyone that has helped out, even a little bit this past year, I would like to say, "Thank You"! Even helping just a little bit means that someone else didn't have to add the task to something they may have already been doing.

Speaking of helping out...A HUGE thank you to Jim and Norma Brabb for hosting our Annual Christmas Party and Dinner. They opened their beautiful home in Rutherfordton to our Chapter and prepared the main dish of baked ham, as well as so much more. And what a collection of motorcycles! Almost all of which are ready to ride. Thank you both for a wonderful afternoon and evening.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and that you were able to spend time with family and/or friends. It looks like we will not be having an IceCycle Ride this year, due to the cold, and possibly wet or icy weather, but we will still enjoy a lunch at Binion's Roadhouse in Hendersonville to ring in the New Year, 2024!

Hope to see you all soon, Bob



## Safety and Ride Coordinator – January 2024

By: Dale Yager

**New Information:** This time of year, while we are getting a break in actual riding, we take time for planning. Our first TOUR MEETING will be Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Saluda Library (room upstairs). It's located at 44 W. Main Street. Parking is in the side lot off Carolina Street. Anyone and everyone is invited to participate. The fact is, the more the better. This is the first of three meetings to put together a ride schedule for next summer. We want all your ride ideas. We need short day rides, Hump Day rides, and longer day rides. We need rides to special events. We need to list motorcycle events that are already on a schedule. We need extended weekend, overnight rides. All suggestions are welcome. To plan each year's schedule, we need help from our entire membership, not just a few people. Bring a list of all your ideas. We will try to incorporate as much as we can. Please let me know by either email or text if you are able to make it. If you can't make the first meeting, we will be scheduling another in February and a third in March to finalize the schedule.



### Riding Workshop:

We have been talking about it, now we have time to make it happen. We are scheduling a workshop of classes for Chapter members to become better educated in all types of riding situations. Marty has secured a training room at the Salvation Army building at 239 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave E, Hendersonville, NC. The date will be Saturday 01/27/24 at 9:00 am. We expect about 4 or 5 hrs. of training. The Chapter will be providing coffee and pastries.

We will be training in probably our most needed course, **Group Riding**. Sure, most people can straddle a motorcycle, point it down the road and throttle up. This class gets more detailed on how to ride with a group of several bikes and the expectations when group riding. The safest way to ride in our group is when everyone follows the same guidelines.

We will also cover **1<sup>st</sup> on the scene response** regarding accidents and incidents. We will learn how to safely manage the situation, prepare for emergency personnel to arrive and learn how to keep everyone on scene safe. **Riding in the Mountains** will be our third topic. We all group ride, ride in the mountains and could be at the scene of an accident. Learning is paramount. Fire departments train, police departments train, and the military trains. We as motorcyclists should do the same. There will also be segments about riding in the cold, riding in the heat, and first-aid kit suggestions. We are also looking into First Aid and CPR classes for the future. We are progressively going to train this coming season. Don't just straddle your bike, point it in a direction and twist the throttle. 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:**

So when you have fat fingers, how do you get your side covers off your bike?

Some of the older bikes were worse than the new ones but here's a trick for getting your side cover off. Use a paint can opener. I have rubber dipped the end to protect the bike. The loop on the other end gives you something to pull on. I keep one on the bike and it works great. An additional tip; if you have a phone charger cord hanging on the handlebars for the occasion when you plug into your phone, rather than leaving it exposed to the elements, use a Rubbermaid wire shelving rubber tip to cover the end of the plug.



### **Dale Yager**

Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator

Chapter M2

### **Chapter Christmas Party 2023**

Debbie Wood

The Christmas Party for M2 2023 was at the beautiful home of Jim and Norma Brabb in the Cleghorn Golf Community. If you haven't been to their home, you may be surprised to hear that they even have a motorcycle museum in the basement!

Members brought all kinds of delicious foods while Jim and Norma provided meat, paper, plasticware and drinks. Each person brought a wrapped gift for the gift exchange after the meal.





Some fun gifts and fun gift usages were suggested like; pyrex dishes make great oil drain pans,...Advice that will not be taken by this receiver, thank you very much!

Incoming Chapter Director, Marty Wood and chapter officers presented outgoing Chapter Director Rusti Boykin with a plaque to recognize her dedication to the M2 group over the past four years.



## Member Info:

### January:

#### Birthdays:

David Skerry Jan. 13  
Richard Arceneaux Jan. 13  
Pat Seacord Jan. 19

#### Anniversaries:

Stan & Bobbi Moore Jan. 17  
Jim & Norma Brabb Jan. 30

## Monthly Gathering Winners:

### Ride Pots:



Ice Cream Ride - Ice Cream Rides: KSU at 6:00pm, Ingles at Spartanburg Hwy & N. Highlands Rd (East Flat Rock) (March thru October)

December CNO - **Pizza n' Pasta**

Chapter Pride: NA

50/50: NA

M2 Caretaker: **Marty Wood**

Wing Nut Award: **Marty Wood**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **CHAPTER NC-M2 monthly meeting, Third Saturday, January 20, 2024 9am Golden Corral [ride to follow weather permitting]**
- **Hump Day Breakfast Riders [ride to follow weather permitting]**

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** -Returning in the spring

RSVP to Rusti or Gerry at [trikelady@yahoo.com](mailto:trikelady@yahoo.com)

- **TOUR MEETING - Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am to 12:30 pm Saluda Library**
- **Prepare for Florida EWMA Rally, 3rd week in March 2024**
- **EWMA National Rally, August 2024**

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