



## June 2023 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, June 17, 2023

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

Golden Corral 2530 Chimney Rock Rd Hendersonville

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*Thoughts*  
*from Your*  
*Chapter Director*  
Hello  
**JUNE**

Summer has started out on the wet & wild side, but it has arrived! I hope everyone had a safe and fun Memorial Day weekend. Four M2 members began the weekend with a ride to Blountville, TN for the "Air Power History Tour". Seeing these old planes was amazing, and Stan Moore took a flight in a Stearman Bi-Plane, photos in this newsletter.

Coming this summer: First is the EWMA South Carolina District rally "Happy Trails". Bob Topper will be your ride leader, going on Saturday, 6/3, Watch for email from him with start time and location. The EWMA North Carolina District is having its first "Wings Over the Smokies" rally. This year's rally will be held in Jefferson, NC, on September 22 & 23<sup>rd</sup>. A flyer and registration form is in this newsletter. Also, the Knoxville Rendezvous, EWMA equivalent to Wing Ding for the East, is being held on August 31<sup>st</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>. The registration form for this is also in this newsletter.

As you may or may not know, Dale's twin brother, Dean, passed away on May 26<sup>th</sup>, as we were preparing to leave for Tennessee. Dale and Michelle will be traveling to Florida to handle Dean's estate. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers for a safe journey there and back home, as well as for the times ahead. I will be doing the "Hump Day" rides for Dale, in his absence.

The volume of traffic and distracted drivers has grown more and more in the past few years. Please be aware of this in all your travels, and remember, look twice, save a life!

In closing, remember June 18th is "Father's Day". Enjoy with a father, brother, a son, or husband!

**Rusti**







M2 Caught trying to stow away.

He really wanted to fly!



AirPower History Tour

Blountville, TN

## Comments from Carl

Assistant Chapter Director

Members, Guests, Friends,

Here it is June already. Just the beginning of the busy riding season. Our thanks go out to all that participated in the Chattanooga trip, and to the great job of putting it together. We had a Great Time. If you want an enjoyable time, come and join us on the West Virginia Riding Weekend. You will not be disappointed.

The Ride for the Blue, and the Hump Day ride to Old Fort were wonderful. Now to get down to our serious riding schedule. The riding calendar has many opportunities for enjoyable riding events. We encourage you to be a part of the experience.

The gathering for June and the ride after is on the 17th and I encourage all to attend. Your attendance is important to the success of the group. The Tourist game on the 22nd is always an enjoyable night out, and it is Thirsty Thursday. If you have not joined us for an Ice Cream ride, you have missed some fun times.

The Hump Day breakfast at Eggs Up Grill continues to be a great way to start the day. The ride after, weather permitting, is always enjoyable, as well. Those responsible always do a great job. We're always in need of others to make suggestions for a ride and to assist in leading the rides. Everyone is encouraged to take part in the group with this, or any other event. If you want to know how you can help out and play a larger part, please just ask any of the leaders. This is your group, too!

Well, I have rambled on long enough.

Until we meet again, Ride Safe, Ride Often, Ride with a Friend

Until the next time, Kick Stands Up !!!!

Carl Hinderer





## A View From the Top

Reflections of the Membership Enhancement  
Coordinator  
Bob Topper

The riding season is in full swing and now we're just hoping that Mother Nature will play nice and keep our weather decent for our scheduled rides, along with when we just need a riding "fix" to clear our minds. One of the fortunate things about living here in the Hendersonville area is that if the weather is looking bad in one direction, there are usually other directions that you can travel to avoid rain, heat, or whatever. Happy riding everyone.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of May (Star Wars Day) we enjoyed another great dining experience and evening at the Wild Wing Café for our Cook's Night Out. It's always a fun and different time whenever we get together. You never know what the conversations will be about, and, in my opinion, we become so much better friends as we learn about each other. Our June CNO will be held at Calvert's Kitchen in Columbus, NC. Hope to see many of you there!



Over the first weekend of May, from the 5<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>, Brian W. led us on our first overnight trip of the year, to Chattanooga, TN. We actually stayed in Bryant, AL, but don't tell anyone. Lol. It was a very fun and successful trip. Please read the write-up of the trip elsewhere in the newsletter. Great job Brian!

May's Monthly Gathering was on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month at the Golden Corral, and the majority of our chapter was in attendance, with a total of 24 fine folks! It was so good to hear that all of our folks that went through some sort of recent surgical experience, are doing well and utilizing their "new parts" as prescribed. For the rest of us, it is a good example of why you take care of "what God gave us", haha. After this month's gathering, we had 17 participants on 13 bikes attend the "Bike for the Blue" event held to support the local law enforcement agencies. Thank you to everyone that came out. Without us, there would have only been 4 or 5 bikes total. WE MADE A DIFFERENCE! The organizers felt that the threat of bad weather kept people away. What a shame, as it ended up being a beautiful day for a ride through the mountains!

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, Mike C. led a group to the AirPower History Tour at the Tri-Cities airport in Blountville, TN. This is an exhibition by the CAF of historic World War II aircraft, including being able to get in around the aircraft, as well as flying in most of them. Stan M. crossed an item off of his "bucket list" as he was able to ride in PT-17 Stearman. Thank you Mike!



*Chapter NC-M2 at American Legion Post #77*

Later in the evening of the 26<sup>th</sup>, I led a group for our Monthly Ice Cream fix to the Hilltop Ice Cream Shop in Fairview. We only had a small group partake this month, but we did get to know our newest members, Tom and Winnie, a little bit better, in their new "backyard". Welcome again.

Bob

## Ride Coordinator – June 2023

By: Dale Yager

Ghost written this month by Bob Topper

As I was saddened to hear that Dale's twin brother, Dean, passed away on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, I offered to fill in for Dale in this month's newsletter, by keeping you updated as to our upcoming rides and events.



Remember, you can always check out the Calendar page of our website:

[fourseasonswingsandthings.org](http://fourseasonswingsandthings.org)

or look on Facebook to our Group Page: EWMA Chapter NC-M2

In June we will be riding to the EWMA South Carolina Rally in Travelers Rest on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Unfortunately, we have missed the past couple of years of this event due to weather and other circumstances, but we hope to attend this event, so close, and the first of the new EWMA group. (Editor's note: 3 members did participate in the ride and had a wonderful time. Thank you to the South Carolina District for holding the event. We missed out on the Drill Team Demonstration but did get a chance to talk with many vendors and see some old friends. They even had 3 guided rides leave from the conference center that were scheduled for 4+ hours each!!)

On June 10<sup>th</sup> we are planning on attending the Cars In The Park event in Highlands, NC. This is a "Concourse" type of Classic Car Show held during the Highlands Motoring Festival. We will be leaving from the Ingles at N. Highlands Rd. and Spartanburg Hwy at 9:00 am.

June 14<sup>th</sup> is a special Hump Day Ride to the BMW plant in Greer, SC. Dale has already collected monies from everyone that will be attending to cover the tour costs. There will not be time for the regular Hump Day Breakfast, as the ride to the plant will be leaving, I believe, at 8:00 am to be on time for the tour. Again, all attendees should watch for emails from Dale for exact details!

On our calendar, we also put the dates of June 11<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> as scheduled MSF Course dates at the Blue Ridge Community College for anyone interested in refreshing their riding skills and learning something new. These courses never disappoint and several of us attend them as refreshers every couple of years. These one-day courses are held on Sundays and tend to fill up fast. I'm not sure if you would still be able to enroll, but they are worth checking into. The courses contain some classroom instruction, but mostly slow speed parking lot maneuvers and training by MSF instructors.

On the 17<sup>th</sup>, following our Chapter Gathering, Rusti will be leading us to Seneca, SC for a visit to the Lunney House Museum.

Although not a riding event, don't forget we will be attending the Asheville Tourists game on Thursday, June 22. This is another "Thirsty Thursday", at which we ALWAYS have a great time. Contact Karen Newhall if you have not already secured tickets!

We will, of course, have our Monthly Ice Cream Ride on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

You should also be making plans for our annual Chapter Cook Out & BBQ at the Weglarz' residence on July 1<sup>st</sup>. (Sunday July 2 is the rain date, if needed). Ken & Karen have hosted this event for the past several years, and it is a fun gathering for good eats and good times! At our June Gathering, Karen will be passing around a sign-up sheet for desserts and side dishes. The Chapter will be providing the hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks. We will meet for an approximately 1 hour ride their home beforehand.

Also coming up quickly is the West Virginia Riding Weekend, taking place from September 8<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup>. Jim Brabb is putting this ride together and we will need a firm commitment by our June Gathering if you are planning on attending so that housing arrangements and costs can be finalized. This promises to be a great riding experience to some fantastic mountain area riding around the Appalachian Range, New River Gorge, and more.

Remember, every Wednesday we are meeting at the Eggs Up Grill on Spartanburg Hwy. for our Hump Day breakfast at 9:00 am. Please let Dale, or Rusti know by Tuesday evening if you're planning on attending the breakfast so they can inform the restaurant ahead of time. Ideas are needed for the rides, so please share your ideas.

Dale Yager  
Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator  
Chapter M2

## **West Virginia Riding Weekend**

Chapter M2 is planning a four-day trip to The New River Gorge area in Southern West Virginia from September 8-11, 2023. We will leave from the Waffle House at 112 Railroad Ave in Rutherfordton NC @ 9:AM on 9/8/23 and return on 9/11/23.

This ride will be mostly about riding the back roads and stopping to tour places like the New River Gorge Bridge on U. S. Rt.19, stopping by Hawk's Nest State Park, and the Grits Mill at Babcock State Park. I would like to have your input on what you would like to see and the roads you would like to ride. We also need to know who's interested in going on the ride so we can make arrangements for our stay. Most of the cost will be fuel, food and housing unless you want to tour the Catwalk under the New River Gorge Bridge. There is a charge for that tour.

Here is a link to a ride map for the area.

<https://visitwv.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/VSWV-Motorcycle-Guide-web.pdf>

If you are interested in going, please let me know. September will be here before you know it. Email Jim Brabb at [jasdrabb@yahoo.com](mailto:jasdrabb@yahoo.com).

Jim



# Highlights from the Chattanooga 4-Day Trip

By Rusti Boykin

May 5th, 9AM, 7 people, 3 bikes, 1 Slingshot and 1 car met at Mills River, packed and ready to start a 4-day and 3-night adventure. Winding through the mountains on Highway 64 through Cashiers and on into Tennessee, stopping for lunch of very good food at Rib Country BBQ in Murphy, NC.

Along the way, with some great scenery, we had a slight "oops Loop", but the view was still exciting, even on the second time around. If you follow Bob Topper's Relive post on Facebook, you can see our entire ride and the loop. Brian thought that we might be a little bored, so he found a lovely dirt & gravel road to take, and as we navigated this road, my thoughts were we are going to have SCRAMBLED lasagna for dinner. Not the case, it held together very well. We had a small rain shower once but not enough to dampen our adventure or our spirits. Coming into Chattanooga, we traversed the city without much traffic, then back into Georgia and on to Alabama where we had a great place to call home for the next 3 days. Fun fact, it only took us 35 minutes to drive from Tennessee through Georgia to Alabama. WOW, see what a Gold Wing can do!



The Alpine House, where we stayed, was an awesome 125-year-old home built in 1889. The first house was built in 1863 but destroyed by a fire and then rebuilt. After a filling dinner we sat on the front porch, had some liquid refreshment, admiring the spectacular view and watching the sun set.



View from  
Our Porch!

Awesome  
Sunset



Now after a great night's sleep, we ambled down the road to the local Waffle House for some breakfast, then on to our first stop, The Cocker Museum of antique automobiles and motorcycles. Most of the cars were squished together,



as they were setting up for an evening event, but you can still see most of the cars, bikes and airplanes on display. Next it was to the top of the mountain to a civil war monument. On this entire journey M2 has been making many friends and having a great time. Then on down the mountain to Ruby Falls Cavern and into the belly of the mountain via elevator, 240' down we walked in the cool, dark and damp cave, seeing some great examples of stalagmites and stalactites, then a wondrous waterfall. Heading back up to daylight and fresh air, while in the gift shop I realized that I was missing my prescription sunglasses. I went to lost & found but they were never turned in. This is the first of a "Wing Nut" phase. Heading back to the house we stopped in Trenton, GA for a Mexican



dinner, all of the gang saying a here's to you Dale & miss you!





M2, Bobby, Nicky, Brian , Bob and Gerry  
Waiting for our good Mexican dinner!  
Miss you Dale!

At the Cocker Museum



One more quick stop on our way home to pick up eggs, sausage, apple pie and, for sure, some ICE CREAM! Back at home, we sat on the porch with our dessert and watched a fabulous sunset. After a movie, "Peter Pan & Wendy" it was off to yet another night's sleep. However, on my way to bed I couldn't help but notice a big beautiful silvery full moon outside our bedroom window.

Sunday morning, we had eggs and sausage, O.J., and Brian made some biscuits and gravy, yes, he cooks too! After a good breakfast we all prepared for another adventurous day filled with fun and fellowship. But still again another hiccup, as we tooled down the road a voice coming out of my CB said, Rusti you lost your purse! Yeah, I forgot that it was on my back seat, (black on black is hard to see!) with a bump in the road and off it went! Thankfully Carl was behind us and was able to stop and pick it up, a little scratched but nothing broken, Wing Nut #2. Thanks Carl!

Today was the Chattanooga Aquarium visit, both the freshwater side (the River Journey) and the saltwater side (the Ocean Journey),



two full large buildings. On the freshwater side, not only fish but turtles, alligators, and snakes. Over at the saltwater aquarium, they also had lemurs, butterflies, penguins, otters, and sea turtles. "Sponge Bob Square Pants" Topper decided to go down under the sea and be with some crabs.



Because the Aquarium is two separate tours, we stopped to take a rest and have.....you guessed it, ICE CREAM! Now on to "Wing Nut #3," not me this time! During this time of fishes and fun, dear Gerry lost the fob that starts the Slingshot, so Bobby, Nicky and Gerry set off to hunt down this important object, thankfully it didn't take long, and we're back in business again. We stopped for dinner at Jefferson's restaurant in Trenton, GA, where again the food was quite good.



Back at the house, the night was stirring up some clouds, then came the thunder and lightning with the wind becoming more intense. Sleeping was good, I love rain when I sleep. Morning came a bit too early as it now was time to pack for the journey home to North Carolina.



Today, the weather Gods have smiled on us. The storm passed overnight, leaving only some fog that soon cleared and we set out for the day's trip home. On Saturday, Brian got a really bad scratch on his left eye, and it was now bright red, swollen and tearing, so Bob became the ride leader and I tail gunned for him while watching out for Brian, who managed to get through the ride back to North Carolina one-eyed. (I have talked to him, and he says it is much better but still a little tender). We arrived safely back in Hendersonville about 4:30PM. There is so much I missed telling, but I am sure someone else will have a lot to say and fill in any spots I missed.

Last but not least, I, and everyone else, want to say THANK YOU to Brian for the wonderful job putting this together for us. What a fabulous weekend trip for all of us.

Thanks Brian!!

## **Member Info: June**

### **Birthdays:**

18 Kathy Topper

### **Anniversaries:**

4 Mike & Kathy Claywell

14 Bob & Kathy Topper

15 Bob & Sheila Martin

## **Monthly Gathering Winners:**

Ride Pots: May CNO - Tina Putnam

Sassafras Mtn. - Rusti Boykin

Chapter Pride: Kathy Claywell

50/50: Joe Taylor

M2 Caretaker: Mike Claywell

Wing Nut Award: Gerry Boykin & Rusti Boykin



## EVENTS:



# June 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1 Cook's Night Out	2	3 SC Rally, Happy Trails, Traveler's Rest.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Cars in the Park Highlands Motoring Festival
11 MSF Course II Blue Ridge CC	12	13	14 BMW Plant Tour & Museum	15	16	17 Chapter Gathering - Ride: Lunney House Museum, Seneca
18	19	20	21	22 Asheville Tourists Thirsty Thursday McCormick Field Asheville	23	24
25 MSF Course II Blue Ridge CC	26	27	28	29	30 Ice Cream Ride	

Notes

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

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





# July 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
						<b>1</b> M2 Chapter Cook Out & BBQ Weglarz' Residence
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Cook's Night Out	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Chapter Gathering - Ride Judaculla Rock, Sylva NC
<b>16</b> MSF Course II Blue Ridge CC	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Ice Cream Ride	<b>29</b>
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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**

June 1, 2023, Calvert's Kitchen, 306 E. Mills St., Columbus, NC  
Please be sure to RSVP.

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### ***2023 Wings Over the Smokies***

***Ashe Shriner's Club  
117 Morphew Lane  
Jefferson, N.C***

***September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023***

#### **Things to Do**

***Ashe County Cheese***

***Blue Ridge Parkway***

***Ashe County Frescoes***

***Mount Jefferson State National Area***

***Ashe County Farmers Market***

***Glendale Springs***

***Pond Mountain***

***Todd on New River***

***Town of Lansing***

***Town of Jefferson***

***Town of West Jefferson***

***And Much More!!!!!!***

**GRAND PRIZE \$1,000.00**

***Rally Shirts Available on Site***

***Games & Door Prizes***

***Friday – Daily 50/25/25 Drawing***

***Friday & Saturday – Grand 50/50 Drawing  
(Drawing Saturday)***

***Come and join us to have some FUN, FUN, & More Fun and meet old friends and make new friends.***

***North Carolina District Director, Libby Jennings  
919-291-1918 libbyjennings@yahoo.com***



**Registration**  
**Please Print Clearly**

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Co-Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

EWMA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Registration Fee: \$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Deadline Sept. 11, 2023

Grand Prize Tickets: 6 for \$5.00 # Books \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

On-Site Registration: \$5.00 More

12 & Under - Free

Day Pass: \$15.00

Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

**!!!! Signature(s) Required !!!!**

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Hickory, NC 28601

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\* 1 Free Grand Prize Ticket

\* 1 Free Door Prize Ticket

\* Hospitality

\* Ice Cream Social

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