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## March 2021

Our next Gathering is scheduled for  
Saturday, March 20th at 10 a.m.

*New Meeting location!*

**Sandi's Kitchen**  
3754 Brevard Road  
Horse Shoe

Let's see everyone there! Outside dining!

Possible ride after to Daddy Joe's BBQ



*Friends for Fun, Safety & Knowledge*



## Director's Corner Rusti Boykin

### Greetings

I hope everyone is doing well and in good health, March is here and it looks like we are heading for some good weather to get out and ride.

We will have our first face to face gathering on March 20th at Sandi's Kitchen (on the patio) at 10 am. This will be a special meeting as our Western ADD's, Dave & Diane Smith will join us and present our new officers with their pin and patches, please come out to cheer them on.

Our first Thursdays are usually Cook's Nite-Out but March 4th we are having a "Cook's Nite-In" a zoom event just to chat and plan on finalizing the years rides so bring your calendars and some eats, maybe a recipe or two to share. Dale has done a very nice job of lining up some possible rides and of course Mr. Topper has news of Ice Cream rides.

I am confident that this year is going to be for getting together for friends, fun and rides!

I sent out an email about the Iron Horse and Johnson City Loop rides we need to get this to Karen, Dale or myself if you plan to go and what rooms you would like, ASAP.

Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day and we look forward to seeing you on March 20th at Sandi's Kitchen, 10 AM, 3754 Brevard Rd.(64) in Horse Shoe.





## EXTRA! EXTRA! EXTRA!

This is a Must Read for M2 members!

- Being concerned with the Saturday Zoom gathering's limited attendance, we are trying something different. **Thursday, March 4th** rather than a Cook's Nite Out we are doing a Zoom Cook's Nite In at **7:00 pm!**
- We will have a Zoom meeting to help get everyone up to date on the goings on.
- Our Ride Schedule is of great importance at this time as places are being booked early and we need to get in on it if we want some overnight trips!
- Other items of importance will also be discussed so please join us this Thursday on Zoom. Zoom connecting info will be sent Tuesday evening via email.
- See you there!





**Notes from Your  
Assistant Chapter Director  
Frank Pizzardi**

Well, another month has gone by and Spring is almost here. There were a few good riding days last month and I am looking for a lot more in March. I was able to go out for a ride, tried to head to Cherokee on the Blue Ridge but the road was closed, so I decided to go to Mount Mitchell, as far as Bull Gap because the road was closed, it was a good day for a ride anyway.

We had a good meeting last month, worked on rides, local and overnights, ice cream rides and rides after meetings.

On March 4th, it's Cook's Night Out, via Zoom, since there are some restrictions with eating out in restaurants, we are going to try something different this month, it will be at 7pm, we will have our dinner and get together as if we were in the restaurant. If anybody wants more information, call or email me for more information.

I am going to do something a little different in my articles, I am going to keep up with information that may be of interest to all, such as:

Daytona Bike Week is still on from March 5th to 14th, haven't heard of any restrictions as of yet.

If anyone feels brave enough on March 6th, it's the 10th Annual Bikers in Boxers Winter Charity Motorcycle Ride, in Waynesville NC.

Have a hankering for making your best Chili? On March 20<sup>th</sup> the 4th Annual Mike's Cowboy Chili Challenge will take place at the Wizard Saloon in Hickory, NC. you can call 828-327-8555 for details and rules.

March 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> is the 49th Annual Charlotte CBA Swap Meet & Bike Show, Rowan County Fair Grounds, Salisbury NC.

Here's to many riding days ahead!





## From the Top Reflections of the Membership Enhancement Coordinator



Well, I hope everyone has been able to take advantage of some of the nice weather that we've had lately. In between the snow/ice and rain events there have been a few days to get out. Whether you go out to ride or just plain get out of the house to keep your sanity, it's important these days to just get out.

In February, we did hold a couple of Zoom calls for the benefit of our membership. The first one on the 6<sup>th</sup> was to start planning a Ride Calendar for 2021. Dale had already gathered a ton of information and ideas for rides that he presented, and we had great input from the other attendees, to get the process rolling. As with many groups, we have the same core people that participate in these meetings and end up making the decisions for everyone. If you're not part of this group, we sure would love to have you join us. There would be nothing wrong with having a core group of 30 members out of 30 members. Especially if you have a suggestion that no one else does, it's the only way to be heard, and we want to have those suggestions.

On the 20<sup>th</sup>, we again had our Monthly Gathering as a Zoom Call. At least with the Zoom calls, everyone is able to remain "socially distant" and safe at home. Of course, having them in the winter time, the weather doesn't hurt the group from meeting. We did have 9 members on the call and I must say, it is nice to see the faces! I think everyone is looking forward to some nicer weather and safer times to be able to gather in person. Immediately after our Gathering, we did continue with our Ride Meeting to put rides and events on the calendar. We're getting real close to a final schedule, which will be discussed on our upcoming "Cooks Night In" call coming up on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Watch your emails for details.

We will hopefully be holding our next Monthly Gathering at Sandi's Kitchen in Horse Shoe. They have outdoor seating available for us, so we can meet safely and in compliance with state regulations. We're keeping our fingers crossed for nice weather and even an opportunity to ride together. Again, watch your emails for updates and information.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Bob



Happy St. Patrick's Day



**Dale Yager**  
**Ride Coordinator**  
*March*



Chapter friends, we have had our second tour ride meeting and despite not having many people attend, it was quite productive. Foremost, what needs immediate attention is the overnight weekend ride events on the calendar. Rusti sent out an e-mail earlier this week letting people know what overnight rides in which the attending group was most interested. The Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge, which a few of us went to 4 years ago, has been set for June 24<sup>th</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>. The place is booking up fast as I think this year every motorcyclist east of the Mississippi will be looking for a place to ride this year, especially the vaccinated seniors. Please decide if you would like to go and let us know A.S.A.P... Once we set this up with the lodge, I expect for those of you that procrastinate will be S.O.L!

This Lodge is just a few miles from Deals Gap, and day rides there are such as the Cherokee Skyway, Foothills Parkway and the Fontana Dam. The lodge is designed for motorcyclists by motorcyclists and offers a slew of lodging options as well as breakfast and dinner options. They have a large screen media room, pool tables, group fire pits, and often a live band. You get sooo much for your money. Let's get talking to each other on this as we believe we need to book this in EARLY March!

The second overnight ride event is the Eastern Tennessee ride. The final date is TBD but would be in either August or October. This would be a ride to Johnson City, TN on Friday, riding the loop on Saturday and a ride home Sunday morning. Ken and Karen Weglarz designed this trip 3 years ago but due to different situations only Bob Topper, Michelle and I were able to make it from Chapter NC-M2. The late Johnny Johnson also caught up to us for this weekend. The ride and roads were in fantastic shape!

We have also put "date" rides on our calendar. These are rides that are attached to specific dates. Some events that are date specific still remain in the unknown category but at this time others are a go. One of those rides include a Friday ride to Blountsville, TN for the Air Show on May 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$20.00 per person. If you're just hanging around the house watching the grass grow, come and check out this event. Leave times and meeting locations will be announced in the near future.

Other rides in the pipeline are the Blue Ridge by the Viaduct, Wheels Through Time Museum, a Helen, GA long day lunch ride, and the Waterfalls ride. Once we can get back to meeting we will still follow our regular schedule. The first Thursday of the month will be Cooks Night Out. The first Saturday of each month will be longer day trips and the third Saturday will be our regular gathering followed by shorter trips. Not to forget, the last Friday night of the month will be ice cream rides. We plan to continue with our tour meeting immediately after our Zoom Cooks Night Out meeting in March that you will read about elsewhere in this newsletter.





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### March Birthdays

- 4th Paul Brondell
- 14th Bob Topper
- 15th Laurie O'Brien
- 23rd Nancy Skerry



All M2 Gatherings will be scheduled on a month to month basis during the pandemic. Time & place to be emailed.

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### GWRRA Anniversaries

George Greene  
Robert Martin



### March

None this Month

Let Jerry know if it's your Birthday or Anniversary for an extra 50/50 ticket!

Look in the newsletter for your GWRRA number. If you see it.... let Jerry know at our next meeting and you will re-



### Member Wellness

Brian O'Brien

# MEMBER'S INFORMATION

Cook's  
Night Out



**Winners**  
**February**  
Ride Pots  
 None  
M2 Caretaker for the Month  
 Nancy Skerry  
Wing Nut Award  
 None This Month

**ZOOM CALL**  
**Thursday, March 4th 7 pm**  
 Thought we would try a Zoom call for CNO so more of you can join us for some friendly banter & go over ride options!

## St. Patrick's Day

## This & That Trivia

Match the clues to things associated with St. Patrick's Day

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

<p>A. The flag of Ireland is green, white and _____</p> <p>B. A magical little short guy</p> <p>C. A three leaf clover</p> <p>D. The country St. Patrick's Day is associated with</p> <p>E. The color theme of this holiday</p> <p>F. Many cities have these on the streets</p> <p>G. Favorite meat associated with St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>H. Find this at the end of the rainbow</p> <p>I. Chicago dyes _____ green to celebrate the day</p> <p>J. Cereal that features a little leprechaun</p> <p>K. Kiss this and you'll have the gift of gab</p> <p>L. The patron saint of Ireland</p> <p>M. Date of St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>N. It's good luck if you find one of these</p> <p>O. Nickname for Ireland</p> <p>P. Wear green on this holiday or you'll get a _____</p> <p>Q. 'Erin Go Bragh' means _____</p> <p>R. Capital City of Ireland</p>	<p>___ Parades</p> <p>___ Shamrock</p> <p>___ Lucky Charms</p> <p>___ Green</p> <p>___ Dublin</p> <p>___ March 17th</p> <p>___ Ireland Forever</p> <p>___ Leprechaun</p> <p>___ Pot of Gold</p> <p>___ Chicago River</p> <p>___ Orange</p> <p>___ Pinch</p> <p>___ Blarney Stone</p> <p>___ Patrick</p> <p>___ Ireland</p> <p>___ Emerald Isle</p> <p>___ Corned Beef</p> <p>___ Four Leaf Clover</p>
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## Chapter NC-M2 Web Site

Check it out: <http://gwrrancm2.org>

We have launched a Facebook Group open to all GWRRA members!  
Check it out at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/587996265048173/>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3	Tech Day for M2 at the Yagers	Hendersonville
April 30	Ride to <i>TN Spring Fling</i>	Pigeon Forge, TN
May 28	Ride to <i>Air Power History Tour</i>	Blountville, TN
June 29-July 3, 2021	WING DING	Springfield, Missouri
Sept 2-4, 2021	Wings Over the Smokies	Waynesville, NC

Keep your eyes and ears open !!!!

The WING NUT AWARD  
is always up for grabs!!!!

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## ATTENTION!!

Chapter NC-M2 would like your help in providing some of the items for J. Iverson Developmental Center's Spring Basket Eggstravaganza!

If you are able, please bring suggested items or cash donations to the Gathering on March 20th.

Rusti will bring our items to J. Iverson so they can be added to the baskets! Let's

JOIN ASSURE THE FUTURE BY SUPPORTING  
JIRDC RESIDENT SPRING BASKETS

# Spring Basket Eggstravaganza

Themed spring basket items will be delivered to the homes at Easter for resident fun and enjoyment! Monetary and in-kind donations accepted until March 22 and are tax-deductible. Monetary donations should be made to Assure the Future.

CALL ALICIA LORENZO WILSON @ 828-433-2615 OR  
ALICIA.LORENZO@DHHS.NC.GOV  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

SEE ATTACHED INFORMATION FOR THEMED ITEM SUGGESTIONS



### Basket Theme Ideas for JIRDC Homes

Home	Theme
Ash	Games, Arts & Crafts
Birch	Outdoor Activity, Arts & Crafts
Elm	Movies
Evergreen	Spa, Relaxation
Hemlock	Spa, Relaxation
Maple	Arts & Crafts
Mimosa	Books, Magazines, Arts & Crafts
Mulberry	Easter Candy, Crafts
Pine	Outdoor Activity
Poplar	Games, Arts & Crafts
N. Willow	Outdoor Activity, Games, Arts & Crafts
S. Cedar	Outdoor Activity, Snacks, Cooking
S. Willow	Games
Walker	Outdoor Activity, Arts & Crafts

#### Books & Magazines

- Age appropriate books and magazines

#### Cooking

- Cookie & Cake mixes
- Pans for baking
- Icing & decorations

#### Games

- Board games
- Activity games
- Card games
- Trivia Games

#### Candy/Snacks

- Peeps
- Chocolate Bunnies
- Reese's Cups
- Jelly Beans
- Bracelets
- Chips
- Crackers

#### Outdoor Activities

- Bubble machine
- Bubbles
- CD Player
- Kinetic Sand
- Balls
- Sidewalk chalk
- Flowerpots, seeds & soil
- Games
- Pin Wheels
- Garden decorations

#### Spa & Relaxation

- Nature sounds CDs
- Instrumental CDs
- Lotions
- Hand-held massagers
- Nail polish and Remover
- Nail files
- Essential oils
- Oil diffuser

#### Movies

- Popcorn popper
- Microwave Popcorn
- Flavored Powders
- G-PG Movies
- Chocolate Kisses (no hard)
- Glow sticks
- Necklaces

#### Arts & Crafts

- Markers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Paint & Paint Brushes
- Construction paper
- Glitter & Glue
- Canvases
- Sidewalk Chalk
- Stickers
- Kinetic Sand