



March 2022 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is
Saturday, March 19th, 2022
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

Rusti Boykin

Spring will officially arrive this month, with more daylight hours beginning on March 13th we will get more riding time! On March 19th we will start having our monthly gatherings in person at the Hendersonville Golden Corral, eat at 9AM meet at 9:45AM, so happy! Our chapter has received 1000 Grand Prize tickets for Wings Over The Smokies, so get ready to sell, sell, sell!

Our M2 has finally made it home to Lake Lure and Nancy however David immediately grabbed the poor little yellow fellow and put him to work again!

Dale and the ride committee have gathered a good season of rides full of places to go and things to do, be sure to read and follow Dale's articles. Dale has mentioned that there are two members that are interested in becoming a Road Captain, so I would like to get a class of 10 or more together to request this course, possibly inviting riders from the other chapters.

Saturday March 5th is our MFA class with 11 people signed up, all classes are important in keeping our riding skills up to date for better and safer riding, this is the "KNOWLEDGE" portion of Gwrra's motto. Our friends at chapter I have a new time and location, starting March 26th they will meet at Yao Buffet and Sushi Grill, 153 Smokie Park Hwy, Asheville eat at 6 PM meet at 6:45 PM food from Fried Chicken to Asian and everything in-between!

Chapter X2 is hosting a fun weekend "Hillbilly Hoe Down" May 20th & 21st, see the registration in this newsletter. All money raised will go to and benefit the J. Iverson Riddle Development Center in Morganton. I would love to see many of our chapter members go to and participate in other chapters, we can do this individually or as a group, and it can be fun and also promote friendship, two more aspects of the GWRRA motto.

Jerry has set CNO date for March 3rd at the Moose Café, on Hwy 191 & I-40 next to the Farmer's Market. Please make your reservation with him by Wednesday. It will be good to see you there share some in-person fun and laughter.

Last but not least keep Joy Kennedy, Kelly, Karen and Victor in your prayers as they go through their medical concerns.

As Always,
Rusti
Ride Safe, Ride Often



From the Top

Reflections of the Membership Enhancement Coordinator
Bob Topper

Well, as typical, our year is starting a bit slow, as the weather really limits our outdoor activity, and the Covid issue has sort of limited everything else. It does look like, however, that things are making a turn for the better, on both fronts. Yippee! And from what I've heard, it sounds like the majority of our membership is healthy and "ready" for the riding season to begin! Since I brought it up, please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers for speedy and healthy recoveries for what they are going through, Victor Montgomery, Karen Newhall-Weglaz, and Kelly Spangler.

Our February Cook's Night Out was cancelled, due to the rising number of Covid cases, as well as our in-person Monthly Gathering. We did have another Zoom "Gathering" on the 19th of February, with a total of 12 Chapter Members joining in the fun. We discussed some of the upcoming events, especially the Medic/First Aid course that is being held on the 5th of March. There were no ride pots or 50/50 contests to participate in, but Rusti did let us know that she has 1000 of the Grand Prize Tickets for our annual Wings Over the Smokies event. The Grand Prize is, once again, \$10,000.00, and the ticket price is only \$1.00. Please see Rusti at any event, to get your tickets to sell!

Dale conducted our second Ride Committee meeting to go over the upcoming ride and event schedule for 2022. As a matter of fact, our first overnight ride of the year, being held on the 14th through 16th of May, has been decided and booked with 10 participants. It is a riding weekend to Helen, GA, and we had to act quickly to come up with a place to stay. Our 2nd overnight trip to the Gatlinburg /Sevierville, TN area is set for August 6th -8th. Watch for more details so you don't miss out. The calendar will be completed in the next couple of weeks, so watch your emails, the newsletter, our Facebook page and the Chapter Website for the calendar to be posted.

In March, we are supposed to hold our Cook's Night Out at the Moose Café (originally scheduled for February) and our Monthly Gathering at the Golden Corral, bar any unforeseen circumstances. Please watch your emails for updates. A ride after the gathering is dependent on weather, as usual.

Speaking of riding, our regular Monthly Ice Cream Rides will begin again in March. As always, they are held on the last Friday of the month. We meet at the Ingles at Spartanburg Hwy and Upward Rd, and plan to leave at 6:00 pm. As these rides are a Chapter Event, we like to always have an established Road Captain lead and act as tail-gunner for the ride; however, ANYONE can offer suggestions for the destinations, and a preferred route. Please keep this in mind when we ask at our Gatherings.

This is your chapter and, as they say, it is what you make of it. We've got a dynamite group of people, with thoughts and ideas, and we all need to share the load of making things happen. We've got training coming, as many of you are aware, and if you need more, you only need to ask. I'm really looking forward to a great 2022!

Ride Safe & Often,
Bob



Laurie O'Brien.

Out and About

Reflections of the Ride Coordinator
Dale Yager

Chances are you haven't seen me in a while. That's mostly because the January and February gatherings were both by Zoom. We've still been working behind the scenes though. The Helen, GA event has been organized and booked. It's kind of a long story but it's done, thanks to Brian and

We had our second ride meeting with quite a few people involved. The destinations for the year have been set as well as the dates. We are now working on Road Captain's to lead some of the rides. When you see the schedule, which will be out shortly, you will see that Bob Topper, Rusti Boykin and I have already volunteered for more than our fair share. If we can't get Road Captains to sign up for some of the remaining rides they could be subject to being canceled. Speaking of Road Captains, want to be one? We will be looking to get a Road Captain's class set up for sometime this summer. I know of at least 2 members who would like to get more involved as Road Captains.

If you have signed up for the Medic/First Aid class don't forget that it is less than a week away; Saturday March 5th 2022 at the Henderson County Athletics and Activity Center, 708 South Grove Street, Hendersonville. 9:00am people! You probably want to bring a refreshment and a snack.

After the March gathering, which I believe will be back to being in person, we have a ride planned for the Hagood Mills Historical site in Pickens, SC. www.hagoodmillhistoricsite.com. This is a site with an old operating Mill, featuring an 1845 gristmill, restored log cabins, blacksmith shop, cotton gin, moonshiners still, nature trails, and a gift shop featuring local crafters, musicians and authors. There is a cost of \$5.00 per person to see it all.

As Bob Topper mentioned there will be an ice cream ride on the 25th. Then we swinging right into April.

At the beginning of April will be "Tech Day" at the Yager's garage, 112 Mountain Place, Hendersonville. It's set for Saturday April 9th, from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Lunch will be ordered in and you will be responsible for your order. We try to teach each other how to work on the bikes. How to change oil, change spark plugs, and change the dreaded air filter. This year, part of the plan is to change clutch and brake fluid as well as coolant. If you plan to have your bike be a guinea pig, please let me know what you might need done. You will be responsible for your own parts. This is a training day and we may not be able to work on everyone's bike so pay attention so you can work on your own later. We might even get a chance to see how things are on the new 2018 + Goldwing which I have not yet ventured into. Believe me, it's a big day for me just emptying the garage for work space. Remind me and we will demonstrate how to pick up a downed Wing by yourself. We might even have time to add some new sparkle if you bring it.

I know this is a repeat of last month's article but this is important information and I'm somewhat of a safety nut. I encourage you to participate in any level you feel comfortable in. This summer I will be participating in a MSF Rider class that is held at the Blue Ridge Community College in Hendersonville. At the tour meeting, based on other events going on, we settled on Sunday, June 26th for the class. Again my hope is for several of us to sign up for the same class.

This is the Basic Rider II. Class is from 8:00am to 5:00pm rain or shine. The cost is \$85.00 and you need to be pre-registered. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I have a good reference in my head.

Motorcycle Safety - Blue Ridge Community College



- Level I Safety by Commitment
- Level II Safety by Education
- Level III Safety by Preparedness
- Level IV Safety by Enhanced Commitment and Preparedness

The GWRRA is proud to present the Rider Education Program. We encourage you to think seriously about motorcycle safety and be a participant in the GWRRA Rider Education Program. You should also remember the old cliché, "an ounce of prevention IS worth a pound of cure." Always wear protective riding apparel!

Are you a Trike person? North Carolina District will be holding a Trike course on April 2nd at the Woodland Baptist Church in Waynesville (Near the fairgrounds where WOS is held.) There will be a rain date of April 9th. This is the first Trike course on the Western end that I know of. If you are interested in taking the trike course contact Assistant Ride Director Paul Breau 845-527-2262. He can verify start time and if there is a cost. The TRC course is going to be the outside riding course only.

Tech tip: If you have not already done so, now is the time to really look your bike over for the upcoming season. Get down and look at your tires. How many miles are on them, how soon will they need to be replaced, any cupping on the edges, how deep is the tread, how old is the tire, any cuts, or foreign objects in the tire? I have found a small screw in the tire before it punctured the tire. How does your valve stem look? Does your valve stem still have the support piece for the 90 degree stems? Your air pressure needs to be checked as going from warm weather to cold weather has dropped my pressure, while going back to warm also affects the tire. Check and change your oils, coolant, brake fluids, clutch fluid. We Goldwingers tend to talk to each other about where we had our last great meal or a good ice cream stop but I don't hear many of you tell me that your bike has been serviced. I suspect some have been neglected either for cost or lack of talent in doing the work yourself. This brings us back to Tech Day. You can't afford to miss it.

Dale Yager
Ride Coordinator
Chapter NC-M2

Member Info

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

None this month

Ride Pots

None awarded this month

Chapter Pride

None awarded this month – virtual meeting

50/50

None awarded this month – virtual meeting

M2 Caretaker

Nancy Skerry

Wing Nut Award

None awarded this month – virtual meeting

M2 Happenings



M2 making jerky snacks for our next long ride

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Hump Day Ride	3 Cook's Night Out @Moose Cafe	4	5 MFA Class
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 Ice Cream Ride	26
27	28	29	30 Hump Day Ride	31		

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Tech Day 9-4 @ Yager's
3	4	5	6 Hump Day Ride	7 Cook's Night Out @TBD	8	9 Tech Day 9 - 4
10	11	12	13 Hump Day Ride	14	15	16 M2 meeting @Golden Corral
17	18	19	20 Hump Day Ride	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Hump Day Ride	28	29 Ice Cream Ride	30

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
March 3rd at Moose Café on 191@I-40 6:30pm

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Invite you to the Annual



"HILLBILLY HOE DOWN"

Friday May 20th and Saturday May 21st, 2022

Catawba Meadows Park

701 Sanford Drive • Morganton, NC

Everyone Welcome!

Members, Kin and Friends of GWRRA

Y'all Come and join the fun!

Meals Included: Friday (Beans and Cabbage) at 6pm - Saturday (BBQ) at 5pm

Campers \$25.00 and Non-Campers \$20.00

Campers are welcome to set up anytime after noon Thursday May 19th. (Please pull or Back into site)

Please contact:

Mike Jones, NC X-2 • Text or Call: 336-927-0538

Proceeds benefit the residents of J. Iverson Riddle Center

REGISTRATION FOR HILLBILLY HOE DOWN DEADLINE May 14, 2022

Name (Please Print) _____

Phone# w/area code _____ Home Chapter _____

E-Mail _____

Registration: Campers \$25.00 _____ Non-Campers \$20.00 _____

If Camping: Please Fill in Size Tent Size _____ X _____ Trailer Size _____

Make Checks Payable to: GWRRA - NC Chapter X-2

Please forward Registration and Payment to: Ricky Dancy • 78 Andrews Ridge Rd. • Sparta NC 28675

Camping Sites are First Come First Served

50/25/25 Drawing Friday and Saturday

Comfort Inn & Suites 828-430-4000 • Hampton Inn 828-432-2000 • Quality Inn 828-437-0171

Ask About Special Discount rates: Code "GWRRA"

Liability Release: I/We hereby agree to conform and comply with the ideals governing this event and agree to hold harmless the GWRRA, co-sponsoring organizations, and any other property/owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/We may become involved by reason of participation in this event. I/We also agree to assume responsibility for any property which I/We damage.

Rider's Name _____ Date _____ Chapter/Affiliation _____

Co-Rider's Name _____ Date _____ Chapter/Affiliation _____

See also attached:

GWRRR Rider Education Program Motorcycle T-CLOCS Inspection