



# March 2023 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:  
Saturday, March 18, 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

### It's True!

Days are getting longer, starting March 12th when Daylight Savings Time will start and only TWENTY days until spring! We have had some good ride days already with a mild February.

Tomorrow the 2nd, we will start off with Cook's Night Out at the Moose Café on Hwy 191 just before the I-40 on ramp to Asheville. Make sure you have your reservations in by 3 O'Clock today.

Stopped by last week to check on Dale. He was doing well, better living through chemistry! Also keep Sheila M. in your thoughts as she is having her second knee replaced today. Let's not forget that Brian O. is having his shoulder replaced on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I guess we will be the "Geriatric's on Bikes" gang! But seriously, we wish the best for them all. You can't keep good people down!

Our next Ride Committee meeting will be Saturday March 11th, 9:45 AM to ?? at the Saluda Library. Donuts & coffee will be available, and we should be able to finalize the ride schedule.

Our monthly gathering is March 18th, a day after St. Patrick's day, but wear a bit of green for the wee folk. March 31st we will have our first ICE CREAM ride, Y-U-M-M-M! As usual, we meet at the Spartanburg / Upward Rd. Ingle's with kickstands up at 6PM.

In closing, get your bike maintenance done and polish your ride to a high shine, riding time is here again!

Rusti



## Comments from Carl

Assistant Chapter Director

Members, Guests, Friends,

February has flown by, and with it came some good days to ride. We did ride because of it.

The February gathering was good. Those that were there were treated to the news that the riding schedule for the year is progressing nicely and have one more session planned to complete it. We have several over nights suggested, but have not made a decision as yet. The decision will be made soon.



We invite everyone to attend the get togethers that are available to each one ie: Hump day breakfast, cook's night out, monthly gathering, planning sessions, soon to be ice cream rides. Each of these events are fun, informal, enjoyable, and we share the "happenings" with each other. Stay in touch, be in touch.

I have mentioned before that the success of anything is the involvement of all concerned. I know that I am thankful for each one of our "family". The newsletter lists the emails of each of us if you need to get in touch with any of us.

If you haven't checked out the "new" website I suggest you take a few minutes and do that. Bob Topper has done a great job of keeping us up to date. He has asked for your help by providing pictures of your ride, or interesting places of where you have been, or want to go.

We have several members that are having surgery to improve their mobility. Let's keep them in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

Just a reminder of some important dates, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cook's Night Out, March 11<sup>th</sup>, our next, and hopefully last, Ride Planning session, March 18<sup>th</sup>, our monthly Gathering, and Wednesday each week hump day breakfast, and possible ride.

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

It looks like we've made it to March and some good riding weather and time. Remember to set your clocks ahead on Sunday March 12 in order to take advantage of some later riding time. I think that's how it works??? Anyway, we're getting closer to Spring and saying goodbye to this cold winter.

We've had a couple of ride planning meetings, with a third and (hopefully) final one this month, and it looks like we're going to have another wonderful year of rides and trips. Have you given your input? Be sure to let Dale know if you would be interested in assisting in any way. Teamwork makes it happen!

February's Cook's Night Out took place at the Flat Rock Wood Room on Ground Hog Day, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had a very nice turnout, and it was great to see everyone, sharing stories and having a great time, as usual. The Cook's Night Out for March is to be held on Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Moose Café on Brevard Rd. in Asheville. Hope to see you there!

On Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, we held our monthly Chapter Gathering at the Golden Corral in Hendersonville, with 16 members present. Due to the extreme cold of the morning, we did not have a ride after the meeting. We did discuss the upcoming surgeries that will keep some folks from participating in rides for a couple of months. We wish Dale and Brian the best, as well as Sheila, and David P. is waiting to find out what/when/where about his possible surgery. David does have M2 to keep him company for the month, our Mascot, that is.

We didn't have any other activities scheduled for February, although the Hump Day breakfast and rides are still happening with wonderful results every week. A big thank you to Dale, and also Rusti, for making them happen each week. And thanks to everyone for participating, whether it's just for breakfast, the ride, or both! We do have a wonderful group of people!

I look forward to getting out and seeing many of you in March. At the end of the month, Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> will be our First Ice Cream Ride of the Year. Where will we venture to and who will lead us????? Come to our next Gathering and find out . . . at least some part of the answer.

Ride Safe and Ride Often!

Bob



## Out and About

Reflections of the Ride Coordinator  
Dale Yager

Our third and final ride meeting will be taking place on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:45am to 1:00pm at the Saluda Library located at 44 W. Main Street Saluda, NC. It's on the second floor. There is an elevator there for those of us who are stairs impaired.

We have already made decisions on our two weekend overnight rides; one being Chattanooga, TN and the other being West Virginia which includes riding the back of the dragon as part of the trip. Brian Wittenberg is doing research for the Chattanooga trip while Jim and Norma Brabb are working on the West Virginia trip. We have set other events on the calendar but have to finalize the time and meeting locations as well as who will lead each ride. During my down time I'm working on getting everything coordinated before this third meeting.

On a personal note, I had my knee replacement on February 22nd and I'm still out of commission for now but seeing some great improvements by the day. Physical therapy may either hurry that up or slow me down, time will tell.

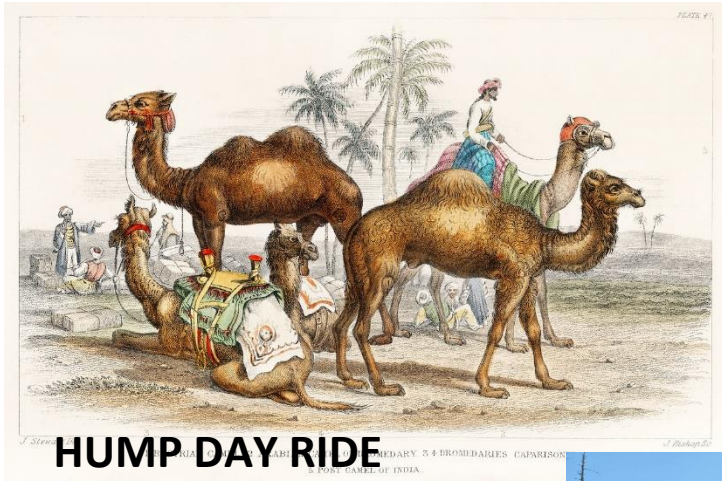
Update on my accident: My bruising has healed, and Jesse Schroader even got my bike back together in less than a month. The bike is back in the garage where all I can do now is look at it. But that's OK.

As for my experience with motorcycle insurance. This is something you don't want to test but when you do, how they treat you after a claim is more important than just having insurance. I don't normally like to take surveys after service but I was happy to give them 10's across the board. Foremost Motorcycle insurance has been fantastic! I honestly don't know how they could have been better.

**Tech Tip:** Where do you get your rider education and information from? For some time now I have been following two separate YouTube hosts on motorcycle education. I find both are excellent sources of accurate and important information. The first is Jerry Palladino, owner/instructor of "Ride Like a Pro". Jerry has a series of videos that he sells in an effort to make you a better rider. I have seen the videos and they are very good. Most of what he teaches are parking lot maneuvers. All-important building blocks to becoming a better rider. You can also see that he does YouTube contributions that are free. It's not a replacement for actually trying it on your bike but it's a place to start. The second YouTuber I subscribe to and watch regularly is "MCRider" with Kevin. I find his contributions also very relevant. His approach is more street strategies covering all topics including the types of motorcycles. If you spend any time watching YouTube, both of these guys are a great source. There may be others out there that meet with my philosophy of riding but these two get a thumbs up from me.

Dale Yager  
Ride Coordinator  
Chapter M2





**HUMP DAY RIDE**  
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FROM CAMELS OF INDIA.

Small

Group

But

Fun!



Everyone wants to get in on the fun ride! They do fit in well.

**Member Info:**  
**March**

**Birthdays:**

- 1 Kathy Claywell
- 10 Philip Putnam
- 14 Bob Topper
- 15 Laurie O'Brien
- 25 Rusty Toth

**Anniversaries:**

- 2 Rusty Toth & Steve Konkle

**Monthly Gathering Information:**

**Ride Pots:**

February CNO - Norma Brabb

Chapter Pride: Brian Wittenburg

M2 Caretaker: David Platt

50/50: Carl Hinderer


Wing Nut Award: None



## EVENTS:



# March 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 CNO -Moose Café in Asheville 6:30 PM	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ride Planning Meeting, Saluda Library 9:45 am
12	13	14	15	16	17 	18 Chapter Gathering – 9:00am Golden Corral
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 1 <sup>st</sup> Ice Cream Ride of the Season	

### Notes

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

Ride Meeting – RSVP to Dale at [doowing@aol.com](mailto:doowing@aol.com) or Rusti at [trikelady@yahoo.com](mailto:trikelady@yahoo.com)

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





# April 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6 CNO – Location to be announce at prior month's Gathering	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Chapter Gathering – 9:00am Golden Corral
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Ice Cream Ride	29
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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

March 2, 2023, Moose Cafe, 570 Brevard Rd., Asheville, NC  
Rusti has already sent an email, please be sure to RSVP.

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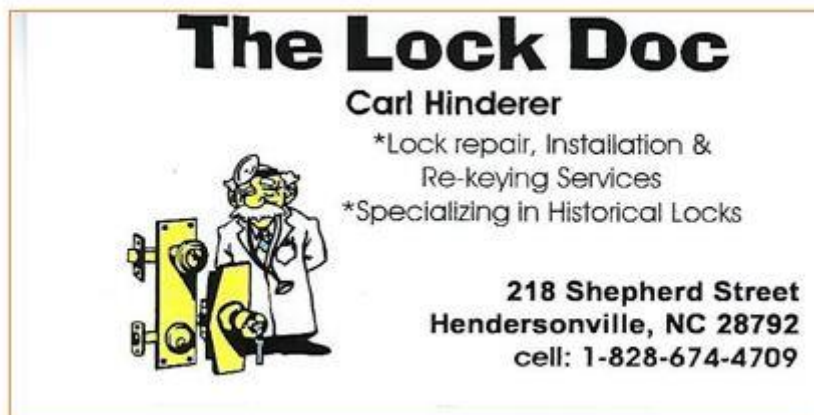
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