



May 2023 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, May 20, 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

We have now closed April and have had some nice rides and events. Tech-Day at Dale's was fun and, as always, informative. Saturday's Vintage Motorcycle Meltdown was the biggest so far, and the



new location at Hendersonville's Airport was better, and packed with bikes and people. Dale and his cousin Doyle had five beautiful, and well-maintained bikes.



Also, Friday night's Ice Cream ride was fun, riding in the sun while it rained was interesting!

Gerry & I have tried a couple of new restaurants for CNO. The first one we rated it a 2 out of 10 score. The second was a mixed rating, food was good, location and parking was iffy, and the seating (if busy) can be questionable. We can cover this at our May meeting.

Coming in May: we have Cook's Night Out at Wild Wings Café in Arden on Long Shoals Road; the trip to Chattanooga; don't forget your Moms on May 14th!; Bike for the Blue; the Air Power Historical Tour; Strawberry Hill; and much more.

This spring weather, that is so nice, seems to have brought out some crazy drivers, so keep your eyes moving and looking, as it could save you from an accident. BE SAFE! Before you ride, do your T-Clock bike checks, and always wear proper riding gear. We need to see you at the events as your friendship is greatly valued.

In closing remember to

Ride Safe, Ride Often!

Rusti



Comments from Carl

Assistant Chapter Director

Members, Guests, Friends,

May is already upon us and with it comes riding time. Except for the occasional rain shower, we should expect good riding.

We now have a completed schedule of events for the summer, and I hope you will be able to enjoy all you can. There has been a lot of thought and effort put into the schedule.

The first of our overnight trips is happening this first weekend of May.

Thanks to Brian W. for his efforts in securing the lodging and making the arrangements. There is so much to see and do in the Chattanooga area!

Thanks to all that continue to support Cook's Night Out and the ice cream ride. Always an enjoyable time together. If you have any suggestions for a destination, please feel free to let one of us know.

Our monthly gathering will be at the Golden Corral, as usual, and your attendance and participation is encouraged. It will be on May 20th. This month's ride after the gathering will be a Ride for the Blue, supporting local police agencies, and we will ride to the start, in Swannanoa, as a group, immediately following the gathering.

It is great to see our members that have had surgery lately, back on their feet and able to come to the get togethers. Some are, and others will soon be, able to be riding again. We look forward to having everyone back in the "WELL" column.

It isn't too early to be thinking about the West Virginia Riding Weekend, September 8 – 11. Yes, September! The way time is flying by, that isn't that far away. It is not too early to express your interest. Email Jim Brabb at jasdbrabb@yahoo.com or let one of us know at one of the meetings.

Hump day breakfast is being well attended. Thank you for that. Just be sure to let Dale know if you'll be attending so we will have enough seating. If the weather is good, we usually have a ride after.

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

Well, we've made it to May and our riding season is finally upon us. It is great to see so many of you consistently at our meetings, CNO's, and Ice Cream Rides. Although I'm not able to attend them, I understand that we are continuing to have great turnouts at the Hump Day Breakfasts and Rides, as well. It just shows that we all must be doing something right to keep such a diverse group participating and, hopefully, enjoying themselves!



Unfortunately, our planned ride to the Hub City Train Museum in Spartanburg, SC had to be scrubbed due to poor weather. This may still be a future Hump Day Ride, or even another Saturday ride later in the season, if the opportunity arises.

Our latest Cook's Night Out was held on April 6th, at Mike's Pasta & Pizza in Hendersonville. Again, we had a wonderful turnout, with lots of fun and stories shared. Remember, if you have a suggestion for a restaurant to try for CNO, please let Gerry Boykin know. We can never have too many options. Our next location for CNO will be the Wild Wings Café on Long Shoals Road in Arden, on Thursday, May 4th. Be sure to RSVP to Gerry & Rusti's email, as this gives them the opportunity to let the restaurant know how large of a party we'll have, so everyone can be seated together. At least, that's the goal! Hope to see you there. By the way, watch for a follow up email that will let you know if there will be an organized ride to the restaurant, as we will do when the weather is good and the daylight last longer.

Our April Gathering was held on the 15th, again with a fantastic turnout of 20 members & friends. We did have a new face in the crowd this month, and I would like you all to welcome Tom Stoup! Tom just moved back to Western North Carolina (after being away for some 40+ years) from Florida, and we have been looking forward to meeting him, as he had previously contacted us through our Facebook presence. We also had long time Winger and former chapter member, Larry Vorbrich join us. Welcome to y'all!

Discussed were upcoming events, including our 4-day weekend ride to Chattanooga and our Annual Tech Day at Dale's. We even got to hear a couple of nomination "stories" for Wing Nut Awards. And since we have 2, why not let them both "win"?



Congrats to Jim and to Rusti! If you want to know the stories, I'm afraid that you'll just have to ask them or attend the Gatherings to hear for yourself. After this month's meeting, five of us took a ride to Sassafras Mountain, the highest point in SC, and was able to see for miles in all directions! After riding down the mountain, we made our way to Aunt Sue's Country Corner, along HWY 11 in Pickens, SC, for a great lunch stop.



After our next Gathering in May, we will be participating in the Bike For The Blue motorcycle rally, which begins at Harley-Davidson of Asheville, in Swannanoa. We will be leaving right from Golden Corral to attend this worthwhile event, supporting law enforcement agencies all around our area. The ride is police escorted and will end at the American Legion Post #77 in Hendersonville. The cost is only \$15.00 per rider.



Also taking place in April, was the fore-mentioned Tech Day at Dale's. I know Dale will cover it more in his article, but let me just say, we had a good time, as usual! If you haven't seen him lately, I can tell you that Dale is getting along well on his new knee. Getting up from the ground; however, well, let's just say it takes a bit of strategy and leave it at that.



At the end of April, on Friday we held our monthly Ice Cream Ride, this time to Dolly's Dairy Bar in Pisgah Forest. We had 9 fine folks attend, and those of us riding got to experience a little rain shower on the way, which did have some "pretty" moments as the rain drops fell through the sun filled blue sky in a couple of points. Some of us also attended the Meltdown Vintage Motorcycle Show on Saturday, the 29th, at the Hendersonville Airport, where Dale and his cousin Doyle, displayed some of their "classic" rides.

Hopefully we'll see you out and about in May! Until then, Ride safe and Ride often!

Bob



Ride Coordinator – May 2023

By: Dale Yager

Coming from your action news reporter!

Famous lyrics to the song “The Streak” from Ray Stevens:

I’m sure you all remember it. Anyhow, we have presented the ride schedule for the 2023 riding season. It was sent out by e-mail to our e-mail registered members. It is also available directly from our Facebook page Four Season Wings and Things as well as our website:

[GWRRA NC-M2 \(fourseasonswingsandthings.org\)](http://GWRRA NC-M2 (fourseasonswingsandthings.org))



Let’s talk about the past month for a minute. Yeah, we had a rain-out for the Hub Museum ride on April 1st and 8th. Sorry people, we just couldn’t do it. Bob T. did get us out after our meeting on the 15th for our first segment of let’s get high tour. We saw the highest point in South Carolina, Sassafras Mountain, where the states of North and South Carolina divide right through the middle. Elevation 3,554’. Not sure who was responsible for drawing the lines, but it was a great ride regardless. Don’t forget the next leg of the let’s get high tour will be Mount Mitchell after our August meeting. Elevation of 6,684’.



Richard A. led us on a great ride to Cherokee for a sandwich via the Parkway. What more do you need but some gas money, food money, a great ride and some great friends to ride with?

Several of you stopped in to The Meltdown at the Hendersonville Airport on the 29th. I had 3 bikes there, two of which were Goldwings and my cousin Doyle had 2 more Goldwings there as well. One being a 1976 limited edition. Besides our bikes, there was a huge amount of bikes to look at. This show looks like





Looking ahead:

Several of our members are already committed to the Chattanooga trip the first weekend in May. I hope one of them can write an article about all they did and saw when they return.

The May gathering is on the 20th with a ride after for the "Bike for the Blue".

See the flyer in this newsletter. Cost is \$15.00 per rider. Since I am retired Law Enforcement, this one is near and dear to me supporting the officers that face things I never had to.

May 26th some of us are taking a Friday ride up to Blountville, TN for the Air Power history tour. We will meet at Mills River Ingles and kick stands are up at 9:00AM. Thank to Mike C. for leading this ride. More e-mails will follow.

On Saturday, May 27th we will be taking a later than normal ride to Strawberry Hill where the Strawberry fields go on forever. A great time to fill your trunk with strawberries. (Yes, you can get 2 containers in the trunk).

Finally, for the Slingshot owners, there is a rally in Maggie Valley on the 30th. See Rusti for more information.

Don't forget, we meet every Wednesday (Hump Day Ride) for breakfast at Eggs Up Grill on Spartanburg Highway. If the weather permits, we usually have a lunch ride to follow. Destinations are decided on Tuesday based on weather conditions. As always, there is "Cook's Night Out" on the first Thursday of the month and the ice cream ride on the last Friday of the month.

I am currently researching a Hump Day Ride in June, probably the 14th, where we plan to ride to the BMW plant in Greenville for a 2.5 hour tour of the plant and then tour the museum. There is a cost of \$25.00 per person plus tax. In order to book this, someone (probably me) needs to have an actual head count. They require your name and DOB at the time of registration, as well as someone putting it on their credit card in advance. The tour starts at 9:00AM. We will have a sign-up sheet to make these arrangements. The size of the tour will be limited. **Let me know ASAP if you will be going!**

not only has it grown but the new location appeared to fit the bill. Speaking of Bill, Bill McGill is back from Florida and popped in for a visit. This year he brought up his bike so he's not going to miss riding again this season. Thanks go out to Brian O., Richard A., and Bob T. for helping me load up, unload, load up and unload again.



Tech Tip:

On Saturday, April 22nd Michelle and I held a tech day at our house. We took on some of the more daunting tasks of servicing my Goldwing. Besides the air filter, we replaced the brake and clutch fluids.

The designers of the clutch bleeder valve must have been the same guys that located the air filter. I hope those guys got fired! Each task was very time consuming. What we didn't get to was the spark plug change and the rear end oil change, which have since been done. Here is the picture of my air filter which really wasn't too bad looking. Hopefully, some of you now feel comfortable enough to do it yourself. Cost of materials was about \$150.00 (Including oil and filter for a near future change). Cost of the service and labor can be shocking. I do believe the dealerships deserve what they charge for this lengthy task.



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.

Jim

Member Info:
May

Birthdays:

5 Tom Stoup
9 Sheila Martin
15 Stan Moore
23 Libby Arceneaux

Anniversaries:

3 Richard & Libby Arceneaux
24 Jim & Pat Seacord
29 Ken & Karen Weglarz

Monthly Gathering Winners:

Ride Pots: April CNO - Michelle Yager

Chapter Pride: Norma Brabb

50/50: Ken Weglarz

M2 Caretaker: Ken Weglarz

Wing Nut Award: Jim Brabb & Rusti Boykin

A poster for the "Bike for the Blue" event. The top half shows a group of motorcycles parked on a street, with a large American flag and a "Thin Blue Line" flag in the background. A sign on a motorcycle reads "STAND TALL. Thank A Local Lawman". A banner across the middle of the motorcycles says "BIKE FOR THE BLUE". The bottom half of the poster contains event details in white text on a dark background.

Saturday
MAY 20TH, 2023
\$15 PER RIDER
Registration: 10:30am
Kickstands up: 12:00 pm

HARLEY DAVIDSON
20 Patton Cove Rd,
Swannanoa, NC 28778

Begins at Harley-Davidson of Asheville
FREE water provided by Stand TALL
Ride ends at:
The American Legion #77
216 4th Ave W, Hendersonville, NC
Full bar & food will be available for purchase

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE VISIT:
www.thestandtall.org/Events

EVENTS:



May 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4 Cook's Night Out – Wild Wing Café, Arden	5 Chattanooga Weekend Trip	6 Chattanooga Weekend Trip
7 Chattanooga Weekend Trip	8 Chattanooga Weekend Trip	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Chapter Gathering – Ride Bike for the Blue
21	22	23	24	25	26 Air Power History Tour – Tri-Cities Airport Ice Cream Ride	27 Strawberry Hill Ride
28	29	30 Slingshot Rally Maggie Valley	31			

Notes

CNO – RSVP to Rusti or Gerry at trikelady@yahoo.com

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 & Upward Road (East Flat Rock)



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	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	

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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

May 4, 2023, Wild Wing Café, 65 Long Shoals Rd, Arden NC
Please be sure to RSVP.

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