



EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



May 2024 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Eat at 9 a.m. meet at 9:45 a.m. Golden Corral 2530 Chimney Rock Rd Hendersonville

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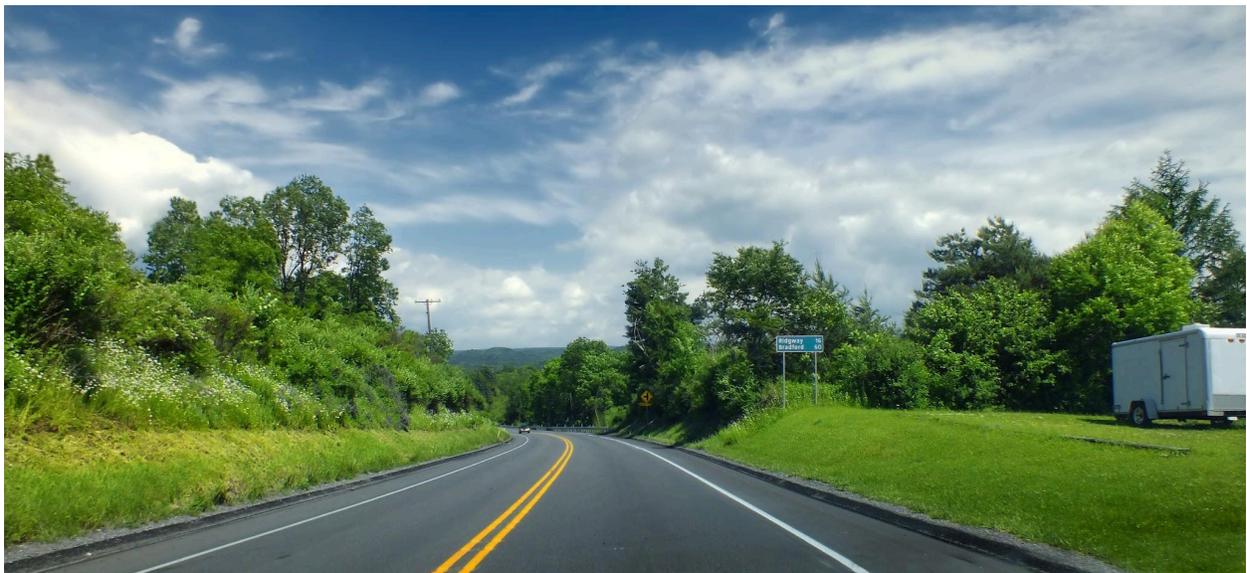
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Chapter Director ENJOY THE RIDE!!



Marty Wood
EWMA NC-M2 Chapter Director

Okay, guys and gals, here we go again starting the riding season full throttle!!! When you read this, we will soon be on our way to the Barber Museum and Missile Museum in Birmingham with members of the chapter looking for a good time and ride!!! Stayed tuned for a report next month on the trip...

Our Cooks Night Out (CNO) at Salty Landing in Etowah was well attended. The food was great. I thought the service was good and we had lots of good conversations about coming and past events and rides.

At this month's gathering, we had the pleasure of hearing from Alicia, director of J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center. The mission of JIR "is to provide enrichment activities not provided by the state for residents of the J. Iverson Riddle Developmental

Center and to educate the community on ways to be inclusive of young children and adults with disabilities in everyday life”.. Alicia described the many ways the residents of JIR are cared for. We are humbled and excited to support this organization as a chapter.

Our after-the-gathering ride took us to Gaffney, South Carolina, avoiding the nasty weather to our north-west. We ate at the Daddy Joe's Beach House and BBQ Grill. We enjoyed some really good barbeque! The ride home, Debbie says, was very curvy!

In other news, Debbie and I, and Joe Taylor attended the TN State EWMA Rally and had a great time with everyone there. People came from all over Area A and beyond. It was well run and very organized!

Our NC State Rally will be a good time in Brown Summit and we are looking forward to helping with that. On that note, Libby Jennings, NC District Director, asked Debbie and I to be Assistant District Directors. After some time to consider and many long discussions, we decided to say YES!!! My heart and dedication is still firmly with NC-M2 and will remain there!!! I will do everything I can to help M2 and our members have successful chapter functions and rides!!!! My responsibilities for the state will be primarily helping with the Wings Over the Smokies Rally and all other assigned tasks!!!

On Saturday, April 27, the Meltdown Vintage Motorcycle Show displayed many vintage, museum quality motorcycles. Dale had his Honda mini-museum there, too. I saw my very first road bike there, a Suzuki T-500. It was immaculate and it was the same color as mine. There were probably 300+ motorcycles on display and vendors from all over the southeast. Almost the entire runway at the Henderson County Airport was filled with motorcycles. A very successful turnout. I would love for us to do a tent promoting Four Seasons Wings and Things Chapter next year!



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At our chapter gatherings going forward, we'll be giving away door prizes from different sponsors , so please attend. We gave away a 1 year membership to Motorcycle Towing Service at the last gathering and Laurie O'Brien won it!!! MTS will be sponsoring our chapter!!! Support them if you can...In May it will be a different prize from a different supporter!!! Ok, let's gear up for the year and get out and ride!!!

Remember "LET'S ENJOY THE RIDE TOGETHER" and have a safe year!!!

Marty & Debbie Wood
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Apr 4, CNO @ Salty Landing Etowah



April 20 Gathering & Ride





2024 Tennessee Spring Fling Rally



Joe, Debbie, Marty, Kathy, David



Basket Prizes



Libby Jennings, NC District Director, Marty Wood, NC-M2 Chapter Director, Roy Bryant, NC Ride & Safety Coordinator, Rhonda Weed, EWMA VP of Operations

A View From the Top

Reflections of Assistant Chapter Director
Bob Topper

We've had the April showers, so bring on the May flowers. I know that there is plenty of pollen in the air, as it's all over the bikes and cars. Just got to keep them moving so it doesn't have a chance to settle. Looking forward to a beautiful riding month ahead.

Once again, we filled the back room at the Golden Corral for our monthly Gathering.



With 16 members and 2 guests, we certainly keep the wait staff hopping. By the way, at our next meeting there this month, I think we should give a shout out to the wait staff that are working with us. They really do a fantastic job for us and except for the period during the Covid shutdowns, we've been going there regularly for almost 5 years...and they STILL smile when we come in. The guests that attended our Gathering were Alicia Wilson and Teah Nile from the J. Iverson Riddle Development Center in Morganton, NC. Many of you may already be familiar with J. Iverson, one of our Chapter's Charity Beneficiaries. I'm sure Marty will cover it in more detail, but they did an outstanding job of sharing the tremendous work that goes on at J. Iverson and how important our assistance is. Thank you again, Alicia and Teah, for coming out and sharing.

After the gathering, 10 of us made our way down to Daddy Joe's Beach House BBQ and Grill in Gaffney, SC, for a great ride and lunch. Although the weather looked like it could take a turn for the worse, we took more turns and were greeted with sunshine and dry roads. It even looked like Brian W. was going right into a storm as he headed toward home, but he said that he was able to miss any rain and stayed dry the entire time!

As I write my article for this month, I'm so looking forward to this upcoming weekend, May 3 rd - 6 th , when some of us are heading down to Birmingham, AL to visit the Barber Motorsports Museum and also take a side trip to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. This should be a great time, again shared with some great people!

I hope to see you soon. Meanwhile, ride often and ride safe,

Bob

Safety and Ride Coordinator

By: Dale Yager

Time to ride:

Riding into Summer: On your mark- get set- GO! Yep, it's here. The beginning of summer and a whole lot of places to see and things to do. It takes some planning on your part but mostly on our part. First up will be the trip to the Barber Museum in Leeds, AL with a side trip to The Space Center in Huntsville, AL. Those that have already signed up for this weekend trip will be leaving Friday, May 3 rd , from the Ingles on 280 in Mills River. Kickstands up at 9:00am. Brian W. will be leading the ride out from there. Please plan to be slightly early with a full tank of gas and empty bladder as this is one of the longest rides of the summer. (See my Tech tips for long distance riding).



May 17 th and 18 th will be the South Carolina Rally being held in Newberry, SC. On Friday, May 17 th, Chapter Director Marty will be having breakfast at Eggs Up at 8:00am and leading anyone that wants to ride down for the day, leaving EGGS UP at: 8:45am. A day pass is \$20.00. Let Marty know if you plan to join him for the day. Don't forget the Chapter gathering will be on the 18 th . Make sure to be there as we follow up with a ride to Strawberry Hill to get your fix for fresh strawberries. (BTW 2 buckets will fit in the trunk of a Goldwing, tested by me).

Events also going on in May that may be of interest are the Slingshot Rally in Maggie Valley on May 28th through June 1st. May 31 st to June 1 st will be the Hillbilly Hoedown held at Fort Hamby Park, Wilkesboro, NC.

Asheville Tourists game: Have you let Karen Newhall know if you plan to attend the Asheville Tourists game on June 20 th ? It happens to be Thirsty Thursday! We have reserved 20 tickets for the game. We don't ride the bikes but get together for a good time. The location is the McCormick Field in Asheville at 6:00pm. Have a Chapter shirt? We ask that you wear it. Contact Karen at newlarz@yahoo.com to let her know you are coming. Cost is \$14.00 per person. Sullenberger Aviation Museum: If your interest is in transportation, you just might want to make this planned event. This is a brand new museum of aviation located in Charlotte, NC. It opens June 1 st and contains a large

selection of avionic memorabilia including the most famous passenger jet in America. "The Miracle on the Hudson" flight that left New York but was in route to Charlotte when Captain Sullenberger landed the aircraft on the Hudson River saving the lives of every passenger on board. The date is Saturday, October 5th. We meet at 9:00am at the Ingles on Spartanburg Highway and Upward Rd. Our group tour is 12:00pm and will last about 2 hrs. Cost is \$16.50 each (discount from general admission). I have reserved for 20 people and had to put down a deposit to secure the spot. If you have not yet reserved your spot and paid me, please let me know ASAP if you plan to go. I know we still have some time before this happens but this had to be booked. Sullenberger Aviation Museum in Charlotte, NC.

Bike Safe NC: For those that are interested in learning more about riding your motorcycle as safely as possible, some of us are signing up for the Bike Safe program on Friday, August 16th held in Woodfin, north of Asheville. The class is free! It starts at 8:45 am so we will be meeting at the Ingles in Mills River at 7:00am to go there. You must sign up in advance on their website. At this time there are only 4 openings left for that date. So if you have not yet signed up, get it done! BikeSafe North Carolina (bikesafenc.com)

M2 Cookout: The date is Saturday, July 6th. Let Marty know you plan to come. More of this from Marty and Debbie. At the end of the month (last Friday of the month) we will be having our ice cream ride. For the ice cream rides we always meet at Ingles on Spartanburg Highway and Upward Rd at 6:00pm and ride to an ice cream shop that is determined based on time and weather. This happens each last Friday of the month during the summer. These rides are not challenging or long distance rides. It's something for those who aren't attracted to the bigger rides.

Tech Tip: Long distance rides: Our first long distance ride is at the end of the week, on the way to Leeds AL.

Here are a few tips and tricks for the ride. Being prepared is half the battle. Make sure you didn't leave your rain suit in the garage. Chances are you will need it and it really sucks when 5 riders have them and are willing to ride in the rain and you don't but don't want to hold the others up. Be sure to pack for both cold weather and warm weather situations. Have a spare sweatshirt in the saddle bags. I typically keep wet riding gear in

one side and warm riding gear in the other. Do you have a tire plug kit to get you by if you had too? How about an inflator to follow that up with. Did you put together the trauma kits we have been talking about? If not, try to in the next few days. Plan for the heat, to stay hydrated. During the heat I often carry a cup on the handle bars. It's better to have water or a flavored water for hydration than soda or coffee. Take breaks as needed, but the idea for long distance is that the breaks can be spaced apart. Make sure that when the bike with the smallest gas tank needs to be filled, everyone fills up so you don't end up playing hop scotch on gas fill-ups. For long distance rides, change your underwear. Not while you're riding but before. Make sure it's made of a material that wicks moisture. Moisture will make you much more uncomfortable and leave you squirming in your seat. Don't forget the Monkey Butt or Gold Bond powder in the basement. One of my favorite tricks is to have my highway pegs set so that I can put my legs straight out on them lifting my butt off the seat for a few minutes. After settling back down in the seat it feels like you took a break. Stash the wallet. Take your wallet out of your back pocket and stash it in the trunk. I also leave a credit card (with a small credit limit) locked in the gas tank compartment for quick access for fill-ups.

Dale Yager
Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator
Chapter M2

Who Dat? Last month's newsletter I put a picture of me when I was about 16 years old. I was a Junior in High school and ran the ¼ mile and the mile relay. On the relay we broke the school record. I thought it might be fun to put in the newsletter some old pictures of us and not say who it is. It might get some new conversations going. I would like to have members submit their old pictures so each month we have someone new to talk about. The following month we can have a short narrative describing the time and the picture. Thought I would start it. Let me know what you think.

Dale

Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator
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Birthdays

MAY		
	9	Sheila Martin
	14	Stan Moore
	23	Libby Arceneaux

Anniversaries

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

Monthly Gathering Winners:

CNO \$: Bob Topper

Ice Cream Ride -Brian O'Brien

Chapter Pride: Dale Yager

50/50: Rusti Boykin

M2 Caretaker: Bob Topper

Wing Nut Award: Bob Topper

EVENTS:

Hump Day Breakfast Rides

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. This month, May 2, we're meeting at [Booda Brewing](#), ([menu](#)) 120 E Barnwell St Hendersonville, NC 28792 6:30. PS They have their own parking lot so no problems where to park!



RSVP to Rusti or Gerry at trikelady@yahoo.com by May 1, 1pm.

Ice Cream Ride- We canceled the April Ice Cream ride due to inclement weather. We hope the weather will cooperate this month! May 31, 6 pm meet @

Rides & Rallies

Barber Museum, May 3-6, Ride Captain; Brian Wittenburg

South Carolina Rally, Newberry, SC, May 17-18. Ride Captain; Marty Wood

Gathering, May 18, after breakfast ride; Strawberry Hill, Chesnee, SC. Ride Captain; Bob Topper

Distinguished Gent, May 19, TBA

Slingshot Rally, May 28-June 1, Maggie Valley, NC. Ride Captain; Rusti & Gerry Boykin

Ice Cream Ride, May 31, TBA, 6pm

Hillbilly Hoedown, May 31-June 1, Ft. Hamby Park, Wilkesboro. Ride Captain; Jim Brabb-See Marty or Jim Brabb for flier.

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