



# November 2023 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Eat at 9 a.m. meet at 9:45 a.m.

Golden Corral 2530 Chimney Rock Rd Hendersonville

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*Wishing Everyone a Very Happy Thanksgiving!*



## *Thoughts from Your Chapter Director*

We have had a gorgeous and fabulous October with many great days to ride, but as you know all good things will come to an end, plus we really need some rain, oh I said it! Wednesday was a perfect "Hump

Day" ride. We were glad to see Phil out for breakfast and he said that he was feeling pretty good, all things being considered.

As we go into November, I think on all that I am thankful for, my health, my family and my friends. These blessings have richly filled my life and made me happy.

Events to come in November, we start with Cook's Night Out at Bay Breeze Seafood restaurant on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and then the Bonfire at Dale and Michelle's home is Nov.4<sup>th</sup>, we do hope for a dry and calm evening.

At our October meeting, I announced that Marty Wood has agreed to take over as our Chapter Director, beginning in January of 2024. Marty has some great ideas and I know you will support him, as you have me. We collected money for our J. Iverson residents' Christmas gifts and signed up for the Chapter Christmas party. We will do this again at our Nov.18<sup>th</sup> meeting, in case you missed out on these things.

After the November meeting we will be doing the Hendeson County Toy Ride, if you are going to go and ride, you need to bring a toy valued at \$20 or \$20 cash to participate and get lunch. So dress warmly as the mornings are getting colder when riding to the meetings there won't be time to go home and change, as we leave from Golden Corral and go to Fletcher Park.

This year our Chapter is a paid sponsor, and we will have our name printed on the back of the Tee-Shirts and Sweatshirts, so bring extra money if you want to purchase a shirt.

See you all at our meeting and remember, ride safe and ride often.

Rusti



## A View From the Top

Reflections of the Membership Enhancement  
Coordinator  
Bob Topper

Fall colors are out in full bloom all around our beautiful mountains. Everywhere you turn, the season change is very evident. One thing to remember, those pretty leaves up on those trees are starting to come down and on the road surface, especially when wet, can be slippery as ice, so be careful out there riding this fall.

Once again, we took our Cook's Night Out adventure to the Wild Wings Café in Arden. We got to sit all together in their large back room, looking out at the lakeside view.

The food and beverage were excellent, as was the time we got to spend chatting and getting to know each other. In November, on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will be at the Bay Breeze Seafood restaurant in Hendersonville. Since we won't be going there for this year's Christmas Party, we'll partake a little bit earlier. Don't forget to RSVP to Gerry or Rusti when you get their email.

Our monthly Gathering took place on October 21<sup>st</sup>, where we had 20 members join us for a nice Saturday morning. In addition to our usual greetings and announcements, we were informed that Marty Wood has agreed to take over the reigns as our Chapter Director next year. Marty is a newer member of our group this year and you will learn more about him in next month's newsletter. I look forward to working with him and keeping our chapter strong and thriving.

Following our Gathering, I led a group of 12 of us on 8 bikes and in 1 new BMW, on a scenic, back roads trip to Dave's 209, near Hot Springs, NC on Hwy 209, "the Rattler". Unfortunately, Philip P. went just off the road after one of the sharper curves outside of Hot Springs and went down. Philip did suffer several broken ribs but was very fortunate that that was the extent of his serious injuries. We all wish you well in your recovery and look forward to seeing you soon. As a matter of fact, as Rusti mentioned, Philip was able to make it to the following Wednesday's Hump Day Breakfast, sore ribs and all! Just don't make him laugh, that's when they really hurt.

As Dale mentions in his article, we had just discussed the topic of "crash response" and being prepared in the event of an accident, and I believe that refresher paid big dividends, as we worked as a good team to make sure everyone stayed safe. Thank you, Dale, for having the "psychic ability" to prepare us. Watch for more information upcoming on training. I can't stress enough how important it is to take advantage of the knowledge that is available to all of us through some of our "trainer riders" such as Dale, a former GWRRA certified instructor, and Marty, a former MSF instructor.

On Friday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, we had our last Ice Cream Ride of the season, to Harry's and Piggy's in Hendersonville. It was a shorter ride, due to the early darkness, but we had another beautiful cool evening to enjoy and share stories over dessert. Plan on being at our next one in March!

Hope to see lots of you at Dale & Michelle's for our Annual Bonfire, as well as at our next Gathering, after which we will be riding to and along with the Henderson County Toy Run!

Ride often and ride Safe,

Bob





## Ride Coordinator – November 2023

By: Dale Yager

This past month, Brian Wittenburg, Bob Topper, Marty Wood and myself took a long day tour out to Deals Gap by way of Cherokee, over 441, then on the Foothills Parkway before riding the Tail of the Dragon. Despite it being a weekend ride and the beginning of leaf peeper's season, it was a fantastic ride! Going into Tennessee, we got behind a line of slow moving cars but we got a chance to take in the scenery, which by the way, was great!



The Foothills Parkway was lightly traveled and also very scenic. On the Tail of the Dragon we were stuck behind some slow traffic to start but they moved off and it was a great ride the rest of the way. The only thing that didn't go as planned was eating at the Dragon as the wait was at least an hour. Instead, we opted to go to Robbinsville for lunch and basically had the entire place to ourselves. Mark that ride as a win in the books. It may even come into some of our plans for next year.

After this month's gathering, we took a ride out to The Rattler AKA 209. We came out of Hot Springs when we had an incident happen. More on that later in this article.

Coming up is our annual bon fire on Saturday, 11/4/23 at 7:00PM at Dale and Michelle's home. The address is 112 Mountain Place. This is not a ride event, but a social gathering to share stories and get to know everyone even better. For those that are fairly new to us, this is an easier way to get to know everyone than while on a ride. We ask you bring a dish to share such as a snack or dessert. Show off your baking abilities or your snacking ideas. Come hungry, you will be more than full when you leave. If you want a specific beverage, plan on bringing it otherwise we will provide coffee, hot chocolate and some sodas. You might want to bring a chair or two, as I have a few but not enough for everyone. Please let me know if you're planning to attend either by text or e-mail [doowing@aol.com](mailto:doowing@aol.com).



Don't forget that after the next gathering on 11/18/23, we will be participating in the Henderson County Toy Run. We will ride as a group from the Golden Corral to the toy run location directly after the gathering. This way we can arrive and ride together for the event. The cost is either a \$20.00 cash donation or the equivalent amount in an unwrapped toy.

The Polk County Toy Run is scheduled for Saturday, 11/25/23 from 10:00AM with a leave time of 1:30PM. The cost for this ride is a \$10.00 donation or the equivalent in an unwrapped toy. Watch for additional e-mails for this event as we work on a plan for it.

Another possible short ride will be to the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall that is coming to Hendersonville from November 9<sup>th</sup> through November 12<sup>th</sup>. Even if the Chapter doesn't put together a ride to it, you might want to visit it on your own. It's going to be located at the Veteran's Healing Farm located at 42 Yale Rd Hendersonville. Again, watch for e-mail updates.

Don't forget, we meet every Wednesday (Hump Day Ride) for breakfast at Eggs Up Grill on Spartanburg Hwy. If weather permits, we usually have a lunch ride to follow. Destinations are decided on Tuesday based on weather conditions. As the weather is changing, there will be fewer rides planned and they will be shorter and closer to home.

**Tech Tip:** At the last gathering we talked briefly about accident situations and how to handle them. I also spoke of the safety vests that I carry in the saddlebags of the bike. On the Rattler ride the vest became valuable. We had an incident where on a curvy road we needed to control traffic. Traffic control was paramount to prevent any further injuries of the rider and those who were trying to help him. Many riders travel with empty saddlebags and I don't understand why. Every bike should have a high visibility vest that is large enough to fit over their riding jacket. You can buy one for as little as \$6.00 at Harbor Freight.

[Reflective Safety Vest - X-Large \(harborfreight.com\)](http://harborfreight.com)

Marty and I are working on setting up classes for our members sometime after the first of the year. Topics that will be covered will be Group riding, riding in the Mountains and what do in case of an accident.

More information to follow as we develop the time and location.

Dale Yager  
Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator  
Chapter M2





This month, we are fortunate to have some riding insight from one of our members that just recently completed a very long and interesting road trip. His total trip was almost 8800 miles! His story, along with many pictures will start in this month's newsletter and finish next month. Thank you Mike.

## Riding the 3 Flags

By Mike Claywell

This summer I was able to participate in the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual 3 Flags Classic. The 3 Flags is put on by the Southern California Motorcycle Assn. and takes the participants through northern Mexico, through the continental US and southern Canada. Every year they take a different route, and no 2 years are the same. This year began in Puerto Penasco, Sonora along the Gulf of California coast and ended in Calgary, Alberta. The route went through Sonora, Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, British Columbia, and Alberta over the course of 4 days. It is not a race, and you can pick your daily route, as long as you arrive during the given time at the given checkpoints.



It is billed as 'Motorcycling's Greatest Touring Event' and is very well organized. Bikers are given GPS & printable maps well in advance, and a ribbon at the start to put on your bike so everyone can recognize fellow participants. It really is like large family of bikers as everyone helps everyone else, whether it is GPS or bike repair issues. You never know who you might be talking to or helping, from former naval captains to literal NASA rocket scientists or farmers from Saskatchewan. I think everyone's biggest concern is a tire issue as this event is over Labor Day weekend. 2 bikes experienced tire problems and completed the tour but did not hit the checkpoints on time.

This year had at least some rain every day on the rally. There was very little interstate and some very scenic areas, as well as some twisties. Most days are 5-600+ miles although we did put on around 750 one day as we had GPS map issues and then put in some extra miles to get a nicer view of the Tetons.



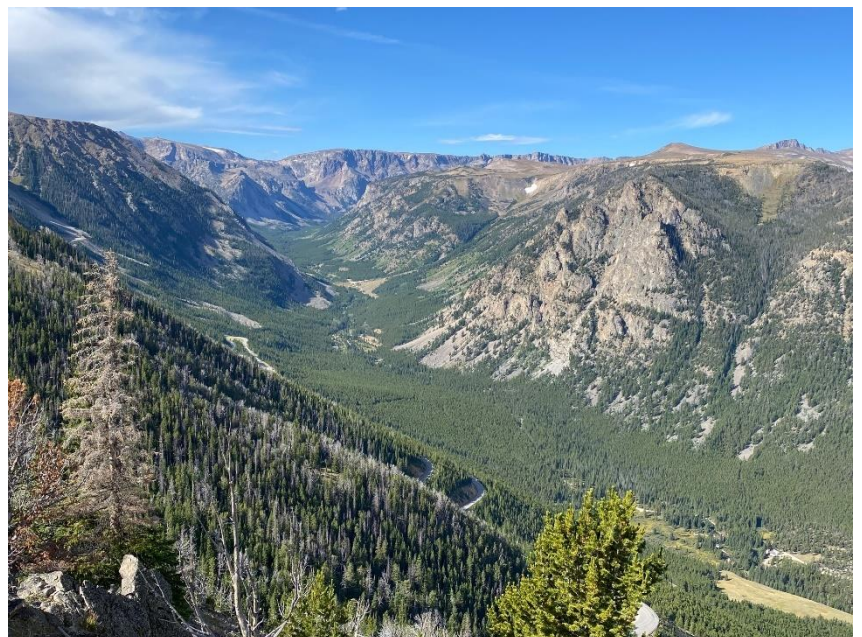
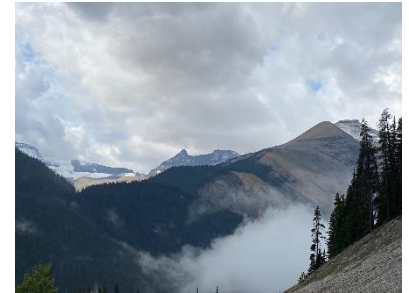
This year I rode to Omaha to connect with one of my friends and service my bike. The 2 of us then rode through Colorado to ride the fabulous (and potentially dangerous) Million Dollar Highway from Ouray to Durango. From there down through NM and AZ to Puerto Penasco.



After riding the 3 Flags, we rode from Calgary to Banff and up to Jasper on the Icefields Parkway. The Canadian Rockies are amazing as is the color of the glacial lakes. On the way home we rode the Going to the Sun Road in Glacier National Park, the Beartooth Pass and scenic Chief Joseph Byway. For the trip, I had just under 8800 miles. We had extreme temps (37 to 108 within 36 hours), heavy rain, wind, a little sleet, and snow flurries. We also had deer, elk, porcupines, and moose within a few feet of the roadway. A truly unique adventure.



To be continued....





## Member Info:

### November

#### Birthdays:

9 Nancy Gammons  
14 Ryan Boykin  
14 Bobbi Moore  
27 Karen Newhall  
28 Dale Yager  
29 Joe Taylor

#### Anniversaries:

18 Brian & Laurie O'Brien

### Monthly Gathering Winners:

Ride Pots: Mount Mitchell Ride - Brian Wittenburg  
September CNO - Gerry Boykin  
October CNO - Gerry Boykin  
Farm Museum Ride - Rusti Boykin  
September Ice Cream Ride - Bob Topper

Chapter Pride: Bob Topper

50/50: Bob Topper

M2 Caretaker: Dale Yager

Wing Nut Award: Marty Wood





## EVENTS:



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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2 Cook's Night Out	3	4 Chapter Bonfire at the Yager's Residence
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Chapter Gathering/ Henderson County Toy Run
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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

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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Chapter Christmas Party / Jim & Norma Brabb's Home
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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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**

November 2<sup>nd</sup> - Bay Breeze Seafood, 1830 Asheville Hwy, Hendersonville, NC

Please be sure to RSVP.

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