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# September 2021

Our next Gathering is scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2021 Eat at 9 a.m. and meet at 9:30 a.m. Ride to follow.

> Sandi's Kitchen 3754 Brevard Road Horse Shoe

Let's see everyone there! Outside Dining!



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# Director's Corner Rusti Boykin



Happy Labor Day to All,

First thing, I want to thank everyone a who helped with our August gathering during my month long absence, it is so good to be back with my GW family!

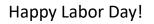
Speaking of family, Thursday kicks off our "Family Reunion" District Rally, "Wings Over The Smokies" where we will reunite with many members that we have not seen in a long while, and speaking of family it is a great pleasure to welcome new members to our M2 Family, Joe Taylor and Richard & Libby Arceneaux.

I also hear we had two plaques that were given away, congratulations to the captors. I also would like to thank Tyler Stiles from McGrath's Motorcycle Law Firm for a great program. I heard it was very informative, we just might see him at Wing Over The Smokies.

There are still some fun rides to do in the coming months and plenty of things to do, and more Ice Cream rides, this months' ride we were joined by Dave "Big Bird", a member from New York Chapter D and friend to Dale Yager and Brian O'Brien, Dave will also be joining us at WOtS, welcome to North Carolina!

At our September gathering I will be making a list for "Chapter Shirts" if you are wanting a shirt I will need sizes and also if you want a sweat shirt, Dale will bring all of the information on this. Our next Cook's Nite-Out is on the 9th of September, watch for the location in this newsletter.

Thanks again to my awesome Chapter for all you do, and I will see you all at "Wings Over The Smokies" and more fun rides together.





## The Long Dam Ride in TN















From the Top Reflections of the Membership Enhancement Coordinator



You've certainly heard and read all about it. This year's Wings Over The Smokies event is being held September 2<sup>nd</sup> thru the 4<sup>th</sup> at the Smoky Mountain Event Center (formerly the Haywood County Fairgrounds) in Waynesville. Our Chapter will be handling the Registration Desk on Friday morning, along with selling T -shirts. Additionally, we will be leading a guided ride late in the afternoon. Check out the vendors, seminars, rides, and challenges listed on the schedule. Heck, there's even a Line Dancing Class on Friday afternoon!

Well, August began with our Cooks Night Out at the Wild Wing Café in South Asheville, on the 5th. We had nice weather, so a nice ride to the restaurant with very little traffic (especially comparing it to July's CNO). This was a very good selection, as the food was good and we had wonderful outdoor seating, right on Lake Julian. Thanks again to Ken & Karen!

On the 6<sup>th</sup>, we held our second overnight trip of the year. This time, the same five of us that enjoyed the Iron Horse ride, rode around Eastern Tennessee. You'll hear it referred to as a "Long Dam Ride" because that's what we did. One of the "Southern Dozen" rides based out of Johnson City, TN, tours the area to include 4 different dams, and a little scenic road known as "the Snake", Hwy 421, which is said to have "489 curves, 3 mountains, 1 valley packed into 33 miles!" We even did a side tour to the Butler Museum, which is all about the town of Butler, TN that was eliminated when the Watauga Dam was built.

Our August Chapter Gathering had 24 attendees, including 13 members and 11 guests, including 4 members from the Foothill Wings, Wilkesboro Chapter NC-X2, that captured The Western Traveler's Plaque! Chapter X2's Chapter Couple, Ricky and Jan Dancy, were presented with the Couple of the Year Plaque that was brought by Chapter I. We were also happy to have a new member, Joe Taylor, who joined GWR-RA at our Gathering. Welcome Joe, so happy to have you with us and we look forward to seeing you often!

After our Gathering, Dale led a ride to the Este's – Winn Automotive Museum in Asheville. After touring the museum, they were off to Cheddars for lunch. I couldn't attend this event, so I can't offer any other details.

Our August Ice Cream Ride was led by Rusti to Dolly's Dairy Bar outside of Pisgah Forest on Hwy 276. It is simply amazing how many "fun" roads there are to get to places around the Hendersonville area. I would like to encourage any of our other qualified members to volunteer to lead one of our upcoming ice cream rides. It's a great way to get some practice and hey, you get to pick the tasty destination!

Will I see you at Wings Over The Smokies? I sure hope so. Come on out and see what the North Carolina District of GWRRA has going on!

Ride often and ride safe.

#### **Chapter M2 Happenings in August**





CNO at Wild Wing Cafe



Oh No! Looks like Bob left M2 on his bike! Hope no one steals him!



Laurie O is M2's handler for the next month



But I want to go see the statue too!



M2 Waiting for his ice cream at Dolly's





Coordinating seems to be all I have done lately!

Early this month a few of us were able to pull off the weekend ride to Eastern Tennessee. Brian and Laurie O'Brien, Michelle and I and Bob Topper who had temporary custody of M2. The ride up was a great ride in itself, riding Rte. 209 into Tennessee by way of Hot Springs. Saturday's ride was called the "Long Dam Ride". We saw a few Dams such as the Boone Dam, Weir Dam, Holston Dam, and Wilbur Dam. Some were more impressive than others.

We stopped at a museum for the town of Butler which had been devastated with floods in 1867, 1886, 1901, 1902, 1916, 1924, and 1940. In the 1940's the entire town was moved to higher ground so the Tennessee Valley Authority could build a dam to create Watauga Lake. Our tour guide, a 90 yr. old woman, was a resident of Butler before it was relocated. She went to the high school there prior to the move and her father was the local mail carrier for Butler. She was able to tell us the history of the town which made the tour very interesting.

We rode the entire length of "The Snake" where my GPS went into ghost mode. It was like a spirit was at the controls of the GPS typing in and erasing files as we were cruising along. Part way down the Snake we had to stop for a break. M2 gets cranky when he doesn't get a break. This is where I kicked the ghost off the bike. While riding the Snake I did notice a couple of bends where the Snake (Rte. 421) was in both someone's front and back yards. Talk about tight turns! Bob and I did get a little wet on the final leg of the day but not a bad day's ride. That night we explored downtown Jonesborough, the oldest City in Tennessee. Some of the buildings date back to the late 1700's. Wow! The ride home on Sunday was a leisurely ride, where like going up, we never hit the interstate. "Wish you could have been there"!



After last month's gathering Bill M, Carl H, Bob and Sheila M, Jerry B, myself and Michelle took a ride to the Estes -Winn Antique Car Museum. We saw things I didn't know existed; a baby blue 1957 Cadillac Brougham with suicide doors. There was also one of Asheville's first motorized fire trucks.





After this month's gathering there will be a ride to Kostas's Express in Dillsboro, NC for lunch. They have both inside and outside dining. As any ride I lead, there are no quick ways to get there.

For those of you who are looking for riding opportunities during the middle of the week, see the enclosed flyer. Wednesdays at Pop's.

Don't forget to watch your e-mail for impromptu rides as they come up. We had a good one last Thursday. Too bad some of you couldn't make it.

Other upcoming events (check your schedules) will be Wings Over the Smokies where I plan to win \$10,000. I'm sure Rusti will be covering more of our Chapter's participation in that.

There will be two separate vintage motorcycle shows coming up.

September 25<sup>th</sup> will be the G.A.S. event in Piedmont, SC. You might remember me telling you that last year I took first place for Japanese motorcycle with my Honda CB200.

Then on October 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be two ride opportunities. Bob Topper will be leading the Chapter's Waterfalls ride. This ride will be meeting

at Ingles - Rte. 280 in Mills River. Kick stands up at 9:00am. This is a great scenic ride through Western North Carolina.

Also the Annual Meltdown held on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave here in good old Hendersonville, NC. Both bike shows are free to spectators and a great opportunity to see some really nice bikes we all remember. If it works out right, the Waterfalls ride could end at the Meltdown.

**Tech Tip:** We ride mountain roads every time we ride here. If your brake lever or pedal feels spongy, it's time to bleed out the lines and you're probably overdue to replace the fluids. Honda recommends they be changed every 2 years. I've been riding with many of you much longer than that and I know many may be overdue. The most important things we have for riding in the mountains are our tires and brakes.

As Larry the Cable Guy says, "Get r done".

Dale Yager Ride Coordinator





# Hump Day Breakfast Riders

Looking for some middle of the week riding opportunities?

Starting Wednesday, September 8th we will start meeting at Pop's Diner, every Wednesday, which is located across from the Hendersonville High school. Breakfast at 9:00am with ride to follow around 10:00am. Open to all members and all destinations to be decided; can be impromptu ride or something planned. You can even ride to get together, eat breakfast then ride back home if you like.

They offer both indoor and outdoor seating.

Stop planning Dr. appointments or any other events for Wednesday and join up.



#### M2's Vacation



M2 left his handler after several days of hard work & almost going up in flames! Jumped on Bob's Wing & joined the gang on the Long Dam Ride in TN. Met some creatures, had dessert before lunch (my kind of guy) and thoroughly enjoyed himself!















# September 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Wings Over Smokies	3 Wings Over Smokies	4 Wings Over Smokies
5	6 * Tabor * Day	7	8 Hump Day Ride	9 CNO Country House Cafe	10	11 SEPTEMBER 11TH WELL NEVER FORGET UNITED WE STAND
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19	20	21	22 Hump Day Ride	23	24 Events of the second	25 G.A.S. Vintage Piedmont SC
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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### September Birthdays

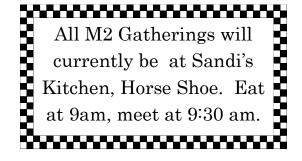
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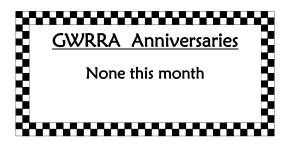
Let Jerry know if it's your

Birthday or Anniversary for an extra 50/50 ticket!

Look in the newsletter for your GWRRA number. If you see it.... let Jerry know at our next meeting and you will receive **Six** 50/50 tickets.









# September

27th Gerry & Rusti Boykin



#### Member Wellness

Everyone is healthy!!



#### **MEMBER'S INFORMATION**

Cook's

Night Out



**Country House Café** 

2221 US 25 Travelers Rest, SC

SPECIAL DATE

Thursday—September 9th

6:30 pm

Meet at Ingles in Mills River

KSU at 6 pm to ride together.

RSVP by Wednesday—Sept. 8th at noon to

Ken: newlarz@yahoo.com or 828-749-8463

#### PLAQUE INFORMATION

Western Traveler Plaque captured by Chapter X-2

COY Plaque captured by X-2

## Winners

#### August

Ride Pots

Frank Pizzardi Jen O'Brien Bob Topper

**Chapter Pride** 

**Dianne Smith** 

<u>50/50</u>

Sheila Martin

<u>M2 Caretaker for the</u> <u>Month</u>

Laurie O'Brien

Wing Nut Award





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# Chapter NC-M2 Web Site Check it out: http://gwrrancm2.org

Updated information is available on both the web site and Facebook.

We have launched a Facebook Group open to all GWRRA members!

Check it out at: https://www.facebook.com/groups/587996265048173/

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sept 2-4, 2021 Wings Over the Smokies

Waynesville, NC





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