



September 2023 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, September 16, 2023

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

Golden Corral 2530 Chimney Rock Rd Hendersonville

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<http://fourseasonswingsandthings.org>

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*Thoughts
from Your
Chapter Director*

is the first EWMA rally and I hope to get a lot of photos to share with all of you. I have been following Mike Claywell's journey to the 3Flags Ride, today Monday he has made it to Colorado, safe riding to mike.

Our chapter has a lot of activities still to do, starting with Cook's Night Out on Sept. 7th. It will be at "Rocky's Hot Chicken Shack" on Sweeten Creek Rd. at 6:30, then Sept. 8-11 is the West Virginia weekend ride, again I'll take many photos as Jim and Brian W. have been busily putting together a great ride.

September the 22 & 23rd is North Carolina rally, "Wings Over The Smokies" in Jefferson, North Carolina. The Grand Prize is \$1000. Please sell those tickets! The unsold tickets and the sold ticket stubs and money must be turned in to me at our September meeting. This is the absolute last day to do this. The 23rd is also the G.A.S Vintage Bike Show in Piedmont SC. Dale will have a few of his beautiful bikes there. Our next meeting is on the 16th with a wonderful ride to Cherokee afterward. Moving on, our night at the Tourist Ball Game was fun and exciting, a close game 13 to 12, but alas the Tourist lost. The next day, Friday, was our monthly Ice Cream ride. We went to "Scoop" at Lake Lure, and what a surprise to meet with Jeff & Amanda Davis, former members of the Forest City Chapter P-2. They invited us to go on their boat for a ride, but we had to decline as it was getting a bit late.

Again, this year we are sponsoring Joel & Debra at the J. Iverson Center. As a new sponsorship this year, we are having our name put on the Henderson County Toy Run shirts that will be for sale at the toy run on November 18th. So, as I close, my final thoughts are, how lucky I am to belong to a great chapter with many friends that enjoy riding and having fun.

Also, to everyone have a safe and happy Labor Day weekend!

Rusti

Here it is September already and soon the leaves will be showing their fall colors. As you read this some of the members are on their way to the Knoxville Rendezvous, this





NORTH CAROLINA EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS:



2023 Wings Over the Smokies

**Ashe Shriner's Club
117 Morphew Lane
Jefferson, N.C**

September 22nd & 23rd, 2023

Things to Do

Ashe County Cheese

Blue Ridge Parkway

Ashe County Frescoes

Mount Jefferson State National Area

Ashe County Farmers Market

Glendale Springs

Pond Mountain

Todd on New River

Town of Lansing

Town of Jefferson

Town of West Jefferson

And Much More!!!!!!

GRAND PRIZE \$1,000.00

Rally Shirts Available on Site

Games & Door Prizes

Friday – Daily 50/25/25 Drawing

***Friday & Saturday – Grand 50/50 Drawing
(Drawing Saturday)***

Come and join us to have some FUN, FUN, & More Fun and meet old friends and make new friends.

**North Carolina District Director, Libby Jennings
919-291-1918 libbyjennings@yahoo.com**

Registration
Please Print Clearly

Rider:

Co-Rider:

EWMA Membership #

Expiration Date:

Chapter:

Position:

Address, City, State:

Phone #:

Email:

Full Registration Fee:

\$25.00 x = \$

Deadline Sept. 11, 2023

Grand Prize Tickets: 6 for \$5.00

Books = \$

TOTAL = \$

On-Site Registration: \$5.00 More

12 & Under - Free

Day Pass: \$15.00

Rider: _____ Co-Rider: _____

!!!! Signature(s) Required !!!!

Please mail Form, Check or Money Order Payable to:
NC Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association
Beverly Chapman
2000 34th Ave. Dr. NW
Hickory, NC 28601

No Refund after September 15th, 2023

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Full Registration Includes:

* 1 Free Grand Prize Ticket

* Hospitality

* 1 Free Door Prize Ticket

* Ice Cream Social

Liability Release

**I agree to hold harmless Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association, N.C. District, and any property owners
for any loss or injury to self or property for any reason by participating in this Rally.**

Motel & Camping Information

North Carolina Wings Over the Smokies Rally

Mention NC EWMA when making reservations

Host Motel

3.9 Miles to Venue

Nation's Inn

107 Beaver Creek School Road

West Jefferson, NC 28694

336-246-2080

Email: nationsinn@yahoo.com

4 Nights \$79.95 + tax + \$10.00 extra for 3rd and/or 4th person

1,2,3 Nights - \$87.95 + tax + \$10.00 extra for 3rd and/or 4th person

(Pet Friendly Rooms & Special Needs Rooms Available.)

Days Inn at Mount Jefferson

829 East mail Street

1.5 Miles to Venue

Jefferson, NC

336-246-8845

daysinnjefferson@gmail.com

1,2,3,4 Nights \$70.00 per night

(Pet Friendly Rooms Available)

Freeborne's Eatery & Lounge + Station's Inn Motel

14300 NC Hwy 18S

17.1 Miles to Venue

Laurel Springs, NC 28644

336-977-1708

admin@freebornes.com

Wednesday & Thursday \$70.00 + tax

Friday & Saturday \$80.00 + tax

(Restaurant on site - Open only Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.)

Check the motels out and make your reservations as soon as you can.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVING ROOMS IS AUGUST 1ST, 2023

Camping

9.8 Miles to Venue

Raccoon Hollow Campground
493 Raccoon Hollow Road
Glendale Springs, NC
336-982-2706
RaccoonHollow.com

3.4 Miles to Venue

Greenfield Campgrounds
120 Greenfield Circle
West Jefferson, NC
336-246-9106
GreenfieldCampgrounNC.com

Cabins Available

Carolina Mountain Properties & Rentals, Inc.
8 N Jefferson Avenue
West Jefferson, NC
336-246-3010
Ask for Jennifer

A View From the Top

Reflections of the Membership Enhancement
Coordinator
Bob Topper

Well, the end of Summer is marked with the Labor Day Weekend, but not with end of our riding season. We are fortunate enough to still have plenty of great weather and even more destinations to satisfy our riding desires. As a matter of fact, this Labor Day weekend, actually starting the Thursday before, is the FIRST ANNUAL EWMA Rendezvous, being held in Knoxville, TN. Hopefully you have the chance to make it to this event, and I sincerely hope that it is a whopping success, as that would be great for everyone! Also, this month is our District's Wings Over the Smokies in Jefferson, NC. Again, if you can support this event, it is a great boost for our District, now and in the future!

First up for August was our monthly Cook's Night Out, this month held at Binion's Roadhouse in Hendersonville. We didn't get to sit everyone at one table, but at least we were all in the same area.

The food and service is always top notch there, and I truly hope you were able to partake. The fun, the stories, and most of all, the camaraderie makes this monthly event so worthwhile! Our next CNO will be on Thursday (always the first Thursday) the 7th at Rocky's Hot Chicken Shack in Arden, on Sweeten Creek Road. I believe that this will be our first CNO here, although many members have eaten here and warn: BEWARE – Hot means HOT! I hope to see you there. Remember to RSVP to either Gerry or Rusti when you get their reminder email.

On the 5th of August, I led another Waterfalls Ride through some of our wonderful mountains and parks. It is always a great pleasure for me to see folks enjoying some of these wonders for the first time. We had beautiful weather for the day and even finished the day off with ice cream at Aunt Sue's Country Corner in Pickens, SC.

We held our monthly Gathering at the Golden Corral, as usual, and had another great turnout with 19 members present! Lots of topics were discussed,

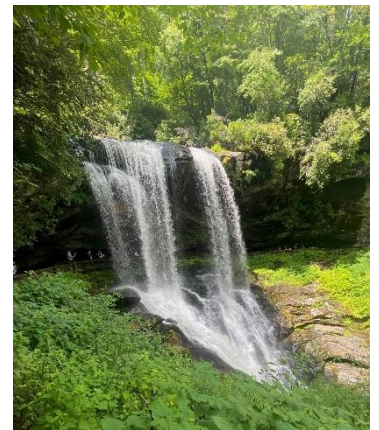


Bridal Veil Falls - Highlands, NC

including many of our upcoming events, and that we have Door Prize Tickets to sell for the upcoming Wings Over the Smokies. Please contact Rusti to get some tickets, as the deadline to turn them in is our next Gathering. We also discussed Mike Claywell's upcoming adventure, riding in the 3-Flags Ride, from Mexico to Canada. The ride starts on September 1st in Mexico, but of course, Mike has to



Our Group at Whitewater Falls - Cashiers, NC



Dry Falls, Highlands, NC

ride out there first, and then home again from wherever in Canada! Best of luck Mike, and we're all looking forward to the stories and pictures!

After our meeting, we were led by Dale & Michelle, up to the top of Mt. Mitchell, via some very scenic and twisty backroads. Let's face it, you can't find too many straight roads along the mountains around here. Again, we had beautiful weather for riding and a picnic at the Craggy Gardens Picnic area, just a short ride along the Parkway from Mt. Mitchell. We even had a visit from a "Yogi" look alike, as I believe he was looking for picnic baskets! Fortunately, he stayed behind the bush line until we finished and then he came out looking for leftovers. This brings up a great reminder that you really need to be aware of the animal life around the area while riding. They can pop out anywhere and at any time, like we also saw along the Parkway after we left the picnic area.



A real view from the Top, of Mt. Mitchell...that is.

On Thursday, the 24th, we were finally able to utilize our Tourist Tickets (from the rained-out game in June) and actually got to see a very exciting game, with back and forth scoring and lead changes. Heck, this was the first extra-innings game we've been able to attend. Alas, the Tourists lost, but not without putting on a good show.

The following day, Friday the 25th, was our monthly Ice Cream Ride, which Rusti led down to Scoop Ice Cream in Lake Lure. It was a perfect evening for ice cream, following a very warm day! We've only got a couple more of these ice cream rides left for the year, so if you have a favorite parlor that you want to have the group visit, please speak up so we can make it happen.

See you in September!

Ride safe and ride often!

Bob



Mt. Mitchell Ride - Stop in Old Fort

Ride Coordinator – August 2023

By: Dale Yager

What's up? Ok, it's been a busy week for a few of us in Four Season Wings. It started last Saturday with our Chapter gathering at Golden Corral, then a twisty picnic ride to Mount Mitchell. We had our picnic lunch at the Craggy Gardens picnic area where we had an observer watching our every move. He had the courtesy to wait until we left to check out what we were eating.



We saw 2 more bears along the edge of the Parkway on the way home from there but since we were riding by, no pictures.

On Wednesday, for the hump day ride, we went south on the Parkway, partially due to the heat, to Maggie Valley where we had lunch at Legends Bar and Grill. I hadn't been there before but would go again. Then it was back over the Parkway via Hwy 215. It's always a great ride.

Thursday, those of us that had tickets to the Tourists game, enjoyed a night out and watched what was probably the most eventful game we've ever been to. I'm sorry that Ken and Karen and Stan and Bobbi weren't able to make it. Sliding into Friday night, we had our ice cream ride. We took a shorter ride to Lake Lure where we had our dinner in the form of ice cream. It was still very warm out which I think led to a smaller turn out. Now what's ahead!

August 31st through September 2nd is the EWMA Rendezvous at the Knoxville Convention Center, 701 Henley St, Knoxville, TN. This is the first national rally for this new group. If you are planning to go to this 3-day event, you should register on-line. 2023 Eagle Wings Rendezvous - Events - Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association (ewma-world.org). There are hotel discounts available if you are planning to go for the entire event.



Joe Taylor is leading a ride there for the day on Friday, 9/1/23. We will meet at Ingles in Mills River, leaving at 7:00 am. Please let me know if you are planning to meet up with us. Joe indicates that he does not plan on traveling via the interstate. A day pass will cost \$25.00.

After several months of promotion, the West Virginia overnight trip will be happening. For those of us leaving Hendersonville, we will be leaving Mills River Ingles at 8:30am to meet up with Brian Wittenberg and Jim Brabb in the Marion, NC area, then on to West Virginia. We are going to conquer "The Back of the Dragon" on our way there. While in West Virginia we plan on checking out some bridges, as well as riding through some of the old coal mine towns. I'm expecting a fantastic time!

Our monthly gathering will be on September 16th at the Golden Corral in Hendersonville, NC. Breakfast at 9:00 am and meeting at 9:45 am. You do not have to buy breakfast if you don't want to.

You can show up for just the meeting, if you would like. After this meeting will be a ride to the Mountain Farm Museum in Cherokee, NC. Joe Taylor is planning this ride.

August 22nd and 23rd will be North Carolina's 2023 Wings Over the Smokies being held at the Ashe Shriners Club, 117 Morpew Lane, Jefferson, NC. If interested, contact Libby Jennings 919-291-1918. (Also, see the information on the flyers elsewhere in the newsletter.)

Also, on the 23rd is the G.A.S. Vintage Bike show in Piedmont, SC. It's being held at the Saluda Bar and Grill. On the first year my CB 200 took first place for Japanese bikes, the following year Jim Brabb's 1984 totally original Honda Interceptor 1000 took first place for Japanese bikes. There are some fantastic bikes at this show.

Last year a Honda Police bike took my interest.

Bob Topper will be leading a ride there. Meeting at Ingles on Spartanburg Rd. Kick stands up at 10:00am and as always, have your bike fully gassed up, have your bladder empty and be ready to ride.

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



Tech Tip:

It's not uncommon for several of you to contact me and ask what I think about certain conditions about their bikes. FYI - I'm ok with you doing so. More often than not, you already know the right answer but like to get a second opinion. I'm not an expert nor am I a mechanic, but I do know some things over my vast years of doing my own maintenance and service of my bikes. Recent questions have been regarding tires, battery, and air filters. Batteries can check out at any time. I have had one in a new bike fail within one year, others have lasted 6 to 8 years. You can never really predict how long they will last. One of the signs they are failing is when you hit the start button, the bike does not start until you release the start button. The starter draws so much juice that the bike shuts off the headlight to be sure enough juice is going to the starter and the spark plugs at the same time. When it won't start until you release the start button it's because there is not enough juice left in the bike for both the starter and spark plugs. When you release the button, the starter is spinning enough to start the bike and then the spark plugs get the juice. A new battery is in your near future because it may not start the next time.

Dale Yager

Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator

Chapter M2

**Member Info:
September**

Birthdays:

8 Jim Brabb
15 Tammy Ferguson
18 Mike Claywell
24 Pat Pullum
24 Jim Seacord III

Anniversaries:

26 Dave & Brenda Platt
27 Gerry & Rusti Boykin

Monthly Gathering Winners:

Ride Pots: July Ice Cream Ride - Mike Claywell
Waterfalls Ride - Dale Yager
Judaculla Rock Ride - Brian Wittenburg
August CNO - Dale Yager

Chapter Pride: Jim Brabb

50/50: Gerry Boykin

M2 Caretaker: Norma Brabb

Wing Nut Award: Bob Topper & Marty Wood



EVENTS:



September 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 EWMA Rendezvous / Knoxville, TN	2 EWMA Rendezvous / Knoxville, TN
3	4	5	6	7 Cook's Night Out Rocky's Hot Chicken Shack – Arden, NC	8 West Virginia Trip	9 West Virginia Trip
10 West Virginia Trip	11 West Virginia Trip	12	13	14	15	16 Chapter Gathering / Mtn. Farm Museum Cherokee
17	18	19	20	21	22 Wings Over The Smokies / Jefferson, NC	23 Wings Over The Smokies / NC G.A.S. Vintage Bike Show
24	25	26	27	28	29 Ice Cream Ride	30

Notes

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

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

Ice Cream Rides: KSU at 6:00pm, Ingles at Spartanburg Hwy & N. Highlands Rd (East Flat Rock)



October 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5 Cook's Night Out	6	7 Ride to Shady Valley, TN Riding Route 421 "The Snake"
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Chapter Gathering / Dave's 209 Ride Hot Springs
22	23	24	25	26	27 Final Ice Cream Ride of Season	28
29	30	31				

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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

September 7th - Rocky's Hot Chicken Shack, 3749 Sweeten Creek Rd., Arden, NC
Please be sure to RSVP.

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