



January 2025 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, January 18, 2025

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

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Chapter Director *ENJOY THE RIDE!!*

OK, we made it thru 2024, Finally!!! Wow what a year with all the riding, meetings, rallies (National and state), with a mix of everything else like a 100 yr Hurricane!!! I'm THANKFUL not one of our members and friends were injured or hurt. We did have members with significant home damage though. Our year was pretty full with the Barber Museum, NASA Museum, Rallies, weekly Hump Day rides and more....we are looking at our first of three Ride Plan Meetings all at the Salvation Army building Jan 25th for more fun and riding this upcoming year!!! Please attend because we WANT your

input for future events!!

It has been a year of growth and one ouchy, we did our training earlier this year with Group Riding sessions as well as some visits from some of our different organizations that we as a Chapter support, ie; Safe Light and J. Iverson Riddle. We will continue in the future to do that as well. I have visited them numerous times during the year and have first hand knowledge of the running of their events and schedules and by far they are incredible to be a part of. It was obvious to me that the community of both organizations are behind the 100% as well, helping people through life's hard times and struggles!!! Thanks to you guys and gals we gave generously to both of them!!! I have a soft spot in my heart for both of them as well having experienced personally both sides of their mission. Thanks Again!!!

We did have one accident this year and I'm glad to say that it wasn't too bad, no accident is good though, we came through that with a full recovery, Thankfully!!!!

We have had a growth spurt with new members along the way and I will add I'm excited to see them jump in and participate in a group of our events and rides. If I tried to name all of them I'd forget someone, so I won't name names or I'd have a senior moment and forget some, so to all the new members, "THANK YOU" for being a part of our riding community and Chapter!!!

We have a percentage of them that are Florida bound during the winter time and show back up during our summer fun. I guess if we taught a class on Cold Weather riding they'd stay??? LOL!!! Probably not, LOL!!! Look forward to seeing all of you back in the spring!! Let's put our heads together and invite more like minded people to our group for more fun and fellowship!!!

I believe EWMA is forward thinking and a lot of changes are coming down the road, like more improvements on their website and other member benefits as well. We continue to grow as an International Association as well, well over 4500+ people and climbing. The rally schedule is already on the website for most of Region A and Nationals, we are within a couple of hours of each one of them with the exception of Nationals, Fort Smith, Ark. A lot of them will be discussed in our Ride Plan Meeting and I will volunteer to lead the ride for them again this upcoming year!! More updates will come out at the Gathering, see you there!!!!

As I always say, LET'S ENJOY THE RIDE TOGETHER!!

Our first event is:

Jan 1st 12 noon at Binions / Rusti is Road Captain!

1565 4 Seasons Blvd H'ville 28792

Ride will depend on weather, current forecast 47/29.

Jan 8th 9am Hump Day Breakfast

Eggs Up Grill 637 Spartanburg Hwy H'ville 28792

Jan 9th CNO Moose Cafe Rusti will send a RSVP with times

570 Brevard Rd Asheville, NC 28806

Jan 15th 9am Hump Day Breakfast
Eggs Up Grill 637 Spartanburg Hwy H'ville 28792

Jan 18th EWMA Gathering at Golden Corral
2530 Chimney Rock Rd H'ville 28792
9am Breakfast and Gathering starts at 9:45am

Jan 22nd 9am Hump Day Breakfast
Egg Up Grill 637 Spartanburg Hwy H'ville 28792

Jan 25th Ride Plan Meeting (RPM) at 9:30am
Salvation Army Room 239 3rd Ave E. H'ville 28792
across from H'ville Court House
Coffee and donuts will be ready by 9am

Jan 29th 9am Hump Day Breakfast
Eggs Up Grill 637 Spartanburg Hwy H'ville 28792

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Reflections of Assistant Chapter Director
Bob Topper

Hello and Happy New Year to you all! I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Christmas. Our Chapter, once again, held our Annual Christmas Dinner & Party at the beautiful home of Jim and Norma Brabb, in Rutherfordton. It was so good to see so many of you there. I attended with my granddaughter, Madison, this year, and she had a fantastic time, as well. Everyone always makes her feel so welcome and because of that, she doesn't mind "hanging out" with us older folks. Especially on rides, which she and I didn't get a chance to do this year because of the cold and damp weather. Thanks again to Jim & Norma, and to everyone that came out, brought a dish (so much food) and made the celebration so memorable.

Prior to our Christmas event, on December 5th, we had our last Cook's Night Out of 2024 at the Sol Y Luna Restaurant in Laurel Park. This was my first time there and I'm certain that I'll be back. We

had a little smaller turnout, which I'm sure was due to being December and everyone having a very full schedule this time of year.

In January, our Cook's Night Out will be held on the 9th, the 2nd Thursday for a change, and we will be going to the Moose Café on Brevard Rd. in Asheville. Be sure to RSVP to Rusti and Gerry so you don't get missed. Watch your emails for the invite!

Hopefully you were able to make it to our Annual Ice Cycle Lunch & Ride on New Year's Day. We have been so lucky over the years to get in a ride, with very little, if any rain, and this year is again supposed to be dry, but cool.

Also, beginning this January, I will be able to join y'all on our Wednesday Hump Day breakfasts and rides! Yes, I'm finally going to retire, well at least partially. I've agreed to continue to drive some, as I enjoy it so much, but I'm not going to work any Hump Days. I'm also looking forward to helping Dale & Marty with the planning and leading some of the rides. See you all at breakfast!

I also would like to remind everyone that coming up on Saturday, January 18th, will be our first Gathering of 2025 at the Golden Corral in Hendersonville, and I hope that we continue to see so many members come out to our meeting. In 2024, we averaged 20 members a month at our gatherings, out of the 35 that I have been tracking the whole year. That doesn't include the out-of-town guests and invitees that we've had. And, of our entire roster, 20 people have made it to more than half of the meetings, 8 have missed only 1 or 2 meetings, and 3 have made it to EVERY gathering this year. We have an AWESOME group! I look forward to 2025 in a big way!

Ride Planning Meeting: Saturday, January 25th. Bring your ideas!

Happy New Year! Let's Ride.....

Bob



Safety and Ride Coordinator

By: Dale Yager

We will be meeting in January, February and March to plan the season for 2025. Location will be at the Salvation Army building in Hendersonville Room 239 3rd Ave E. Hendersonville at 9:30AM. The Saluda Library has not been open since Helene, therefore the change. This is where every member can bring ride ideas that we can plot on a calendar for 2025. We are looking for short day rides, Knot 2 rides, and long day rides. We also need destination and event rides, as well as overnight rides. For overnight destination rides we plan either a 3 day or 4 day weekend event. I would love to have several ideas early so we have time to research it before the February tour meeting. Our ice cream rides and Cooks Nights Out are set on the calendar but destinations are determined during the month of the event. We are probably one of the few clubs that try to plan different types of rides so something can appeal to all types of riders. We want to provide you with the rides you want. We will also be exploring training events to keep us sharp.

The Sullenberger Aviation Museum tour will be rescheduled for spring of 2025. We will set a date at the tour meetings this winter. <https://www.sullenbergeraviation.org/>.

Marty and Debbie did send out by email the list of things on the schedule for January. By the time you read this the Ice Cycle lunch at Binions and subsequent ride will be over but we will be returning to our Hump Day (Wednesday) breakfast and possible rides (Weather permitting) for the 8th, 15th, 22nd and the 29th. They all start at Eggs Up Grill 637 Spartanburg highway, Hendersonville. Breakfast regardless of the weather. Ride destinations to be decided the Tuesday before. I'M really looking forward to Bob Topper being able to participate and lead some rides.

Cook's Night out on January 9th will be discussed elsewhere. Don't forget our Hump Day breakfasts, gathering on January 18th at Golden Corral. Breakfast at 9:00am, Gathering at 9:45AM. You do not have to have breakfast to attend the gathering.

Riding in the Mountains

Preventing Crashes

- Ride within your limits. Pushing your limits pushes your luck.
- Plan your path of travel and speed to maintain control.
- Practice proper cornering techniques – Slow, Look, Press and Roll.
- Always look (scan) well ahead.
- Ride your own ride – Don't give in to “keeping-up’ with other Riders.
- **DO NOT RIDE BEYOND YOUR OWN CAPABILITIES!**



Dale Yager
Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator
Chapter M2



Riding the 3 Flags- 2 up
Mike and Kathy Claywell

As many of you know, we like to take long bike trips. After a terrific experience riding the 2023 3 Flags Classic, we decided to do the 2024 Classic 2 up. The 3

Flags is known as 'Motorcycling's Greatest Touring Event' and is organized by the So Cal Motorcycle Assn. It runs over the Labor Day weekend (Fri-Mon) on a different route every year either Canada to MX or MX to Canada, covering around 2,000 mi over 4 days, no matter the weather. You can either use the recommended routes or use your own, as long as you hit the nightly check points by the prescribed time. This year's Classic, the 47 th , started in scenic Harrison Hot Springs, BC (northeast of Vancouver) with checkpoints in The Dalles, OR, Mt Shasta, CA, Bishop, CA and ended in Tijuana, MX.

This year's route was more challenging than last, with more twisties and switchbacks through the mountains and foothills. The last day was especially tough, as we went through the Mojave Desert, then several hours of twisties/switchbacks in 100-degree heat, followed by managing Tijuana traffic. On the Classic ride days, we chose to leave very early in the morning so we could enjoy some of the smaller side opportunities: riding through the Sisters, OR lava field, early morning Death Valley and having an afternoon snack with a former South African colleague. After completing the ride, we missed the finishers photo as several of us were stuck in an elevator for ½ hr! Oh well...

The ride out and back was filled with visiting family and friends as well as a few National Parks. Crater Lake was truly spectacular. We were almost rain free on the trip but had a nasty afternoon crossing western Utah with 40+ mph cross winds (blowing salt clouds are very unpleasant). We had never ridden in the Pacific NW and it was memorable.

Get out and see this beautiful country of ours, meet new people, have new experiences, challenge yourselves.



Crater Lake, OR



Oregon Coastline



The Wing in Death Valley



Stuck in a Tijuana elevator...

Mike & Kathy

Birthdays

JANUARY		
	13	Richard Arceneaux
	13	David Skerry
	19	Pat Seacord

Anniversaries

JANUARY		
	17	Stan & Bobbi Moore
	30	Jim & Norma Brabb

Monthly Gathering Winners:

CNO Ride Pot: Rusti

Sponsor give-away: Gerri-gift certificate to Great American Hot Dog

Chapter Pride: Bob T.

50/50: Bob T.

M2 Caretaker: Rusti

Wing Nut Award: Norma

EVENTS:

Hump Day Breakfast Rides-Wednesdays

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-

This month January 9, 6:30 pm. @ the Moose Cafe by Farmer's Market, AVL. RSVP to Rusti by Jan. 8, 1 pm trikelady@yahoo.com

Rides & Rallies & Meet-ups

- **Icicle Ride-Jan 1, Binion's Steakhouse**, 12 noon, 1565 Four Seasons Blvd, Hendersonville, NC 28792. Ride will depend on weather, current forecast 47/29.
- **Jan 8th (every Wednesday)** 9am Hump Day Breakfast, Eggs Up Grill 637 Spartanburg Hwy H'ville
- **CNO; Jan. 9**, 6:30 pm, Moose Cafe by Farmer's Market, 570 Brevard Rd, AVL. RSVP to Rusti by Jan. 8, 1 pm trikelady@yahoo.com
- **Gathering meeting; January 18**; Golden Corral, Eat at 9 a.m. meet at 9:45 a.m. Golden Corral 2530 Chimney Rock Rd Hendersonville
- **Planning Meeting; 1 of 3, January 25** at The Salvation Army of Hendersonville, 239 3rd Ave E, Hendersonville, NC. We'll have coffee and donuts at 9am and start the first of 3 sessions of planning at 9:30. Bring your ideas and preferences for some fun riding in 2025.

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