



## June 2024 Newsletter

**Our next Gathering is:**

Saturday, June 15, 2024

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!!*



Marty Wood  
EWMA NC-M2 Chapter Director

Man have we had some GREAT rides already!!! We visited the Barber Museum, NASA Space Center, a couple for EWMA State Rallies and the riding season is still young!!! Don't forget the Georgia Rally is next!!! We will be riding there from Eggs Up at 8:45am and of course join Debbie and I for breakfast at 8am, we look forward to seeing everyone. It is a solid two hour ride to Dillard so be prepared and we will stop and take a break about halfway... We are preparing for our picnic on July 6th and looking for good food and fellowship with our chapter. I know the ladies can cook up a storm and we will have some of the food donated by some of our chapter sponsors! Please THANK them if you get the opportunity! I know that some of you can't participate in events during the

week because of work or other commitments, but I think about you and we miss you. We do have other rides and events on the weekends so please try to ride or enjoy those as well... I have to talk about our first KNOT 2 ride, we had eighteen for breakfast and twelve that went on the ride!! Wow, what a great day of riding and enjoying each other's company. We broke up into two groups and Dale led one and I led the other. We met at the Copper Penny in Rutherfordton and had a great meal. I really enjoy the time and the stories that we tell on each other with lots of laughter and poking, if you know what I mean!!! LOL!!! We constantly share stories of different rides and adventures that we have collectively done. Some of them are comical and some of them are, "I'm glad that wasn't me" kind of stories!!! We continually are growing with new members monthly and hopefully we all reach out and invite them into the fold. Some will be new to our riding habits and adapt slowly as they gain experience and some come with years of riding, although maybe not our style, but nevertheless riding! It is a learning curve with the way we ride and our FOCUS on safety and looking out for each other, but it benefits the new rider and ourselves so we ride as a team/chapter looking out for each other. We do have BIKE SAFE coming up as well and it benefits all riders to have an outside source to evaluate us, if I adopt a bad habit that could be unsafe or dangerous I'd like to know about it and I'm sure we all feel the same, for our safety and our members! Anyway, it sounds like I'm teaching my MSF course so I'll stop! We will continue enjoying the riding season together....I'd like to close by saying I appreciate everyone's support and enjoy getting to know each and everyone of you and we will continue on the journey together as well. Debbie and I will continue to support our chapter and do as much as we possible can to make it a success. Feel free to ask any questions or make suggestions to help us become better and we, with our officers, will keep on keeping on....

I'll continue to say it because it's the way I feel.... LET'S ENJOY THE RIDE TOGETHER!!!

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Alabama Trip Pics











## SC Rally 2024 basket tables



### A View From the Top

Reflections of Assistant Chapter Director  
Bob Topper

So, to start off May, our group went to a “brand new” location (or at least new to us) for Cook’s Night Out. Boodas Brewing Co. turned out to be a really nice spot with good food, very attentive staff, and plenty of room for us “spread our wings”, so to speak. I certainly can see us going back for another round, at some point.



The following morning meant the start of our long weekend trip to the Barber Motorsports Museum in Birmingham, AL, along with the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL. I’m sure there is an article elsewhere in the newsletter about it, but I must add my two cents. This was another fantastic weekend! Thank you to everyone



that participated, because it's all about the people when it comes to having a great time.

A special thanks to Brian W. for leading down and back, even though I was not really part of the first half of the ride down. The route both ways was absolutely perfect and even though we got a little wet, it didn't dampen the spirits at all. Great job Brian.

Once again, more than half of our membership attended our Monthly Gathering at the Golden Corral in Hendersonville on the 18 th . If you haven't made it to the last couple of meetings, you may just be missing out, a little bit. You see, for the past 2 months, we have given away some pretty nice door prizes, and you can only win if you attend. At April's gathering, Marty gave away a year's free towing from MTS Towing, the towing service provider for Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association. In May, Marty gave away a free A/C service, courtesy of Hipp's Heating & A/C. So, what may be given away in June??? Attend and find out, and maybe even WIN!

After May's meeting, 9 of us headed down to Strawberry Hill USA in Chesnee, SC, as was on our schedule. The foul weather stayed away and we had a nice ride down and back, partaking of some wonderful desserts at Strawberry Hill, and then for some strawberries and other delights, just down the road a bit, at McDowell Farms. We try to make this ride and annual thing and almost every year, it's somebody's first time there, which is always a rewarding experience for the ride leader (yeah me).

There were also a few other things happening in May that you may have participated in, such as the South Carolina District Rally that took place in Newberry, SC along with the Slingshot Rally in Maggie Valley. Still yet to come, as of my writing this, is our Monthly Ice Cream Ride on the 31 st , along with the Hillbilly Hoedown taking place on Friday thru Saturday, the 31 st and 1 st , in Wilkesboro, NC with proceeds benefiting the residents of the J. Iverson Riddle Center in Morganton.

I hope to see you around in June, where we will be having another busy month. Check out our calendar and plan ahead. We even have our Tourists Baseball game this month. Ride often and Ride safe!

Bob

## Safety and Ride Coordinator

By: Dale Yager

Up and coming events: Yeah, it's here.

Summer! With quite a few rides already behind us, such as the ride to Barber Museum and The Space Museum, the Melt Down, South Carolina Rally and Tennessee Spring Fling, now we keep looking ahead. Don't forget Cooks Night Out June 6<sup>th</sup>. Ken Weglarz will lead a group ride to this, weather permitting. We will meet at Ingles on Spartanburg Highway and



Upward Rd. We'll leave there at 5:45PM. This will be a shorter ride. See more in this newsletter.

Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> is Cars in the Park. This is a high end car show like what you might see on tv but it's in Highlands, NC. We meet at Ingles at Mills River, with our leave time set for 9:00AM. Bob Topper will be leading this ride. It should be a great ride and event. There is no admission to view the cars. I'm hoping to be able to make it this year.

June 13 through 15<sup>th</sup> is the Georgia, Region A Rally being held in Dillard, GA. Our Chapter Director, Marty Wood, will be leading a day ride there on June 14<sup>th</sup>. He is planning on breakfast at Eggs Up at 8:00AM and leaving from there at 8:45AM to head for Dillard. Sounds like it's a long ways away? It's not! It's just outside of North Carolina.

We have our gathering on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Coral, breakfast at 9:00AM, information starts at 9:45AM. After the gathering I will be leading a ride to the Historic Carson House in Marion, NC.

Admission for adults is \$10.00.

<https://www.historiccarsonhouse.com/society.php>

The Carson House was built by John Carson, who emigrated from Ireland in 1773 and made his way to the Western North Carolina frontier in search of land and opportunity. Carson married into the McDowell clan, speculated in land, became a farmer and enslaver, ran a stagecoach stop and inn, and mined for gold on his way to becoming one of the area's wealthiest citizens. When McDowell County was formed in 1842, his home served as the county seat until a proper courthouse could be built in Marion.

After the tour we will get lunch at J Hartman's nearby. <https://jhartmansmarion.com>.

Get your ball park franks!! On Thirsty Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, we as a group will be attending the Asheville Tourists ball game. We don't ride bikes to this event, but we still get together and have a great time. Sometimes we even watch some baseball! We will meet at the field at 6:00PM. You must reserve your ticket in advance with Karen Newhall. Newlarz@yahoo.com. If you have a Chapter shirt we ask that you wear it. Cost is \$14.00 per person.

The Iron Butt ride: The riders have been all set for this ride and Mike Claywell has been doing some research on the route and stops. There will be 6 members of your Chapter going on this epic ride. What is an Iron Butt you ask? It's riding your motorcycle over 1,000 miles in a 24 hr. period. It's not something for the casual rider but Joe Taylor, Richard Hipps, Mike Claywell, Marty Wood, Bob Topper and myself are giving it one hell of a shot on June 27<sup>th</sup>. We're looking for all your support with this.

I just put new tires and brakes on my bike to be ready. (A test of my long distance riding article from last month).

Trying something new: For a few of the Hump Day rides we will be planning what I call the "Knot 2" ride. This is a ride designed for those who prefer a not 2 long, not 2 twisty, not 2 fast, not 2 challenging ride. This is a great opportunity for newer riders to get accustomed to their bikes, what is expected in group riding, and how we manage group rides. We will announce them in advance so those riders can make a plan to attend. Our first one will be Hump Day ride on June 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Tech Tip:** Time to ride: Two months ago, I suggested that everyone check their tires for wear and age. This month I want to concentrate on your brakes. Something sound a little funny?! Especially in the brake area. I bring this up because this past month two people mentioned to me that they hear unusual sounds coming from their front brakes. Upon inspection of both of those bikes, there were serious brake issues. If you don't know what to look for, ask a member that does. It might just save your life. If we can help we will, but be sure to get the issue corrected ASAP.

Dale

Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator  
Chapter M2



## Birthdays

<b>June</b>	<b>18</b>	Kathy Topper	

## Anniversaries

<b>June</b>	<b>4</b>	Mike & Kathy Claywell
	<b>14</b>	Bob & Kathy Topper
	<b>15</b>	Bob & Sheila Martin

### Monthly Gathering Winners:

Sponsor Give-away: Jim Brapp / AC Tune Up FREE from Hipps AC Service

Ice Cream Ride (canceled)

Chapter Pride: Bob Topper

50/50: Brian O'Brien

M2 Caretaker: Brian W.

Wing Nut Award: Gerry Boykin

## 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, June 6, 6:30 pm.  
We're meeting at [Sully's](#) at 155 W. Mills Street , Columbus, NC,  
United States, North Carolina

RSVP to Rusti or Gerry at [trikelady@yahoo.com](mailto:trikelady@yahoo.com) by May 1,  
1pm.



## Rides & Rallies

- **CNO, June 6**, Ride Captain; Ken Weglarz, meet at Ingles on Spartanburg Highway and Upward Rd. ksu 5:45 PM meet at Sully's 6:30 pm
- **Cars in the Park, June 8-** Ride Captain; Bob Topper, 9 am Mills River Ingles [Change from Ride Schedule]
- **GA Rally, Dillard, GA June 13-15-** Ride Captain; Marty Wood, 8 am June 14, breakfast at Eggs Up Grill, ksu @ 8:45am
- **Gathering meeting; June 15-** 9 am eat, 9:45 meet, ride after gathering to Historical Carson House. Ride Captain; Dale Yager
- **Asheville Tourists, June 20**, meet at McCormick Field, Asheville
- **Iron Butt; June 27**, meet at Marathon gas station by the Golden Corral 5 am
- **Ice Cream Ride; June 28**, 6 pm TBD

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