



EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



March 2026 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, March 21, 2026

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

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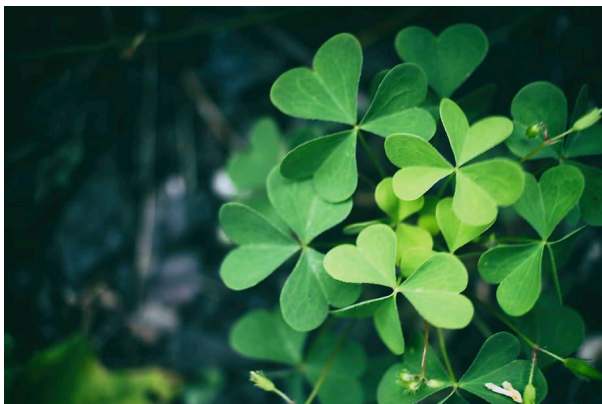
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Bob Topper

Chapter Director

It is so nice to see the sunshine lately, although maybe not for too long. Just a reminder that you take the good riding weather when you can get it. We do have some good short ride routes in our area that make getting some “wind therapy” a very doable thing, even when you’ve only got a little window in which to enjoy it. Whether it is doing a loop up onto the parkway or down into South Carolina, from our vantage point here, we can be into a lot of neat places and on some very good roads in just a few minutes. Enjoy the breaks when you can.

As you should know, we are deep into the 2026 ride schedule process, with 2 of the 3 meetings behind us, and the 3rd coming up this weekend. Dale Yager really does a fantastic job of putting our year together, of course with the input of all of us. But, the amount of work that goes into consolidating our favorites and suggestions into a full schedule format for the entire year, and then presenting it and sharing it in an easy to follow form, is quite daunting, and Dale has done it for as long as I have been around this group, and I’m sure even longer. Thank you, Dale, your work certainly does not go

unnoticed. And thanks, also, to everyone that contributes, as it is for the entire group that the schedule is created, and followed!

And what about Hump Days! Every Wednesday, as a group, we meet for breakfast and a ride, if the weather conditions allow. Well, the breakfast part is pretty simple. We ask you to let us (Dale, Marty, or myself) know, in advance, if you will be attending so that we can let the restaurant know and have a set of tables and chairs ready for us when we start showing up at 8:30 or so, for our 9:00 breakfast. Every once in a while, we'll have someone show up that didn't notify us, but fortunately, that's a rarity now and we don't have the group split up at various tables, instead of all together.

But what about the ride? Now that's another story! The beauty of Hump Day Rides, is that they are, for the most part, spontaneous and not planned much in advance. In order to take advantage of weather conditions, road conditions, and even destination happenings, how and where we will be going on any given Wednesday could not be put into a regularly scheduled calendar, which means impromptu. The real difficulty here is coming up with different destinations each week. Of course, lately it is also who is available to lead the rides, if some of our road captains are unable to ride, but we're getting better again in that area. We're also in the process of establishing some additional road captains to give more folks a chance to lead and tailgun. "Sharing the wealth" so to speak. We'd really like to get as many suggestions as possible from those of you that ride with us, as to places you'd like to go, see, and eat, that are within that 50 to 150 mile roundtrip mark. Believe it or not, figuring out the route is not as difficult as coming up with the "where to" answer. Please share with Dale or me, as we are the folks mostly responsible for providing your Hump Day pleasure, at this point. Well, thanks for reading and letting me rant on a little bit. We all just want to keep on providing a means to riding and this is what it takes.

So...until we see each other again, Ride safe and ride often,

Bob



Safety and Ride Coordinator –

We still will meet every Wednesday for our Hump Day breakfast. During the winter months rides will be scheduled as weather permits. Breakfast is at Egg's Up Grill at 637 Spartanburg Highway at 9:00AM. We do ask for you to let us know by 8:00AM if you are planning to come to breakfast so we can let Eggs-up know how many to expect. We sometimes can be a very large group. You can let us know by e-mail, text or Facebook.

We have scheduled 1 more meeting to put together a ride schedule for 2026. The final one on March 7th. It will be held at the Salvation Army located at 239 3rd Ave East, Hendersonville, NC. We start at 9:00AM and typically run until about noon. We are still looking to bring to the table ideas for next year's rides. The weekend travel rides for the season have been decided. We need interesting places to go and see type rides. Places to go eat rides. Challenging rides, Hump day shorter rides and even "Knot 2 Rides" for those that find long rides, challenging rides, fast rides too challenging. ALL members are encouraged to participate. These rides belong to you. In the March meeting we will finalize a calendar for the season and get it out to the members. The calendar will include start locations, start times, and estimated miles to the destination to help people decide if they are interested in the rides. The dates, times and location

for these meetings have not yet been set, but they will be soon.

One of the things that separate us from other motorcycle riding groups is that we do it in the safest manner. That comes from training and practicing what we teach. During the winter months we will also be looking at training courses that we will be able to present. Marty has found for us a Trike Course for our 3 wheeled friends. A class that we have not had in the past. We already have 4, committed to the class. We have been in touch with the Trike riders specifically for this. The class is limited to only 6 trikes. We are also looking at 2 wheel classes either at Blue Ridge College or from the same instructor in South Carolina. In addition we will be teaching some classes which will include group riding. I consider this class a must for people new to the group or have not participated in group riding in the past. These dates will be set at the February tour meeting listed above.

Tech Tip: : Recently, on Facebook, there have been advertising a new style of tire plug that just screws into the hole rather than string type plugs used in the past. Myself and another member has bought this type of tire plug to add as an option to the tire repair kits we already carry on the bikes. We tested it on Phil's bike a couple of weeks ago. It worked really easy and well for a hundred or so miles. Not what I would call a permanent fix but will get you home and is really easy to install. This is only an option to get you home.

Amazon.com: Bawkars 60 PCS Tire Repair Rubber Nail, Vacuum Tire Repair Kits Spiral Rubber Screws, Fast Self-Service Tool for Car, Truck, Motorcycle, Tractor Tire Puncture Repair (Black) : Automotive

By: Dale Yager
Chapter M2
Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator

Can Airbag Motorcycle Jeans Protect Your Skin in the Event of a Crash?

If you already own leathers and are comfortable using them, they remain the strongest shield overall. If you don't—and you're choosing where to invest now—airbag jeans + Airbag Vest combo + Jacket is a very defensible “touring and street” choice, with leather suits reserved for the truly aggressive, track-type riding, or the next level of spending. Besides, leathers can be kinda hard to “move around in, especially in hot weather.

I already researched, reported on, and own an Airbag Vest from ALPINSTARS: an 2025 Tech-Air-5 Plasma. I also own an old used Aerostich Jacket-pants combo and some really large MC over-pants, and some cheap MC jeans.. The questions I was intrigued about was should I spend hundreds of dollars for a fancy pair of Kevlar jeans to ride in..OR.. go for Airbag Jeans to literally “save my ass” !?

Airbag jeans, like those from Mo'cycle, offer enhanced protection for touring and street riding. They combine CE-rated, abrasion-resistant denim with impact armor and an airbag system to protect the hips, pelvis, and lower back during a crash. While not as skin protective as leathers, they provide a significant safety margin compared to regular jeans and are more comfortable for everyday wear plus offer bruising / bone protection.

Mo'cycle offers airbag-ready jeans and full airbag pants with varying features and price points, ranging from \$300 to \$1750. CX Air Dynamics provides airbag over-pants. Helite sells Kevlar jeans prepped for airbag bladders, for a lower-body airbag setup, expect to pay between \$400 and \$1750, depending on the brand and features.

Seeing as we tend to add a few pounds and Fragility as we age, Airbag systems would be recommended for seniors to protect themselves while riding on motorcycles (and yes even 3-wheelers, as they are known to tip over on occasion) plus you can be hit and/or thrown in an accident.

Note: Experience is No Protection against mother nature, animals, or the idiots on the road. Only you can see to your own protection: this is actually low cost, low pain, Health insurance!

Article created with AI by G.E. Holmes, MC Rider w 4 Seasons EagleWings

Monthly Ride Pot Winners:

CNO : Kathy D.

Chapter Pride: Karl

50/50: Richard H

Birthdays

MARCH		
	1	Kathy Claywell
	10	Philip Putnam
	14	Bob Topper
	15	Laurie O'Brien
	25	Rusty Toth

Anniversaries

MARCH		
	2	Rusty Toth & Steve Konkle

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, March 5, 6:30 pm [12 Bones, Arden](#) RSVP to Rusti by March. 4, 1 pm

trikelady@yahoo.com Next month, Mar. 5 is the first Thursday, place TBD.

Rides & Rallies & Meet-ups

- **Hump Day Breakfast (every Wednesday)** 9am , Eggs Up Grill 637 Spartanburg Hwy H'ville
- **CNO**; 6:30 pm March 5th, 12 Bones, Arden, NC RSVP to Rusti by March 4, 1 pm trikelady@yahoo.com
- **Ride Committee Meeting**; Saturday, Mar. 7th for 2026; at Salvation Army, HVL, 8:30 coffee and donuts, 9 am meeting
- **Gathering meeting**; Saturday, March 21 , 2025 Golden Corral, Eat at 9 a.m. meet at 9:45 a.m. Golden Corral 2530 Chimney Rock Rd Hendersonville
- **Trike Class**; April 4
- **Tech Day Training Class**; April 4
- **Road Safety Class**; April 25

Interesting bit of information...2 of our members have been sighted in a promotional [video for Henderson County's 4th of July 250](#) year celebration!

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