

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION



## March 2025 Newsletter

## Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, March 15, 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!!

Well here we go again! Riding season is looking us right in the face! The weather is changing and I know I'm ready for some air in my face with the chapter. We've had a very productive first two Ride Plan Meetings and will solidify the plan this month, wait and see what great rides we are making. We are also working hard on our August 9th Ride-In and will be putting out a flyer soon. We have to finish with some of the sponsors and as we speak I'm meeting with the band leader on Monday the 3rd to finalize it.

We would like as much chapter participation as possible with the Ride-In, if you're available. We will be making it a recruiting/money raising event for the chapter. My hope is that we meet a lot of new faces and our members can talk to them and invite them to join us and our great chapter!! It is you guys and gals that make this chapter what it is, GREAT!!!

I'm going to talk about "DIVERSITY" a lot during the coming year because I believe it will be the key to the survival of EWMA and our chapter, so forgive me if I sound like a broken record. I have been thinking about this since day one with EWMA and looking at the playing field. It is important for all of us to include the other motorcycle types and people. We are still heavily biased towards Goldwings and we don't want to look like a GW group even though we still love our wings. There are members who ride other bikes and I'm thankful for them as well. We have to adapt our communications to them because of our dependency on our CB's for safety and it can be challenging at times, but it is our responsibility to be flexible. We have lots of great rides and events that others are looking for that they can participate in with us and enjoy each other's company and fellowship. When we ride with others like Richard and we banter occasionally, it really reminds me of my military days and how we treat each other in different branches of the DOD. It comes with constant picking about how my branch is better than yours, but at the end of the day we have each other's back in a time of crisis. All of the motorcycle banter is good-natured fun. Poking the bear in all of us!!! When we do stuff with the bikes we poke each other earning the Golden Wingnut award as well....

Well, get your bikes oil changed and tires so we are ready to hit the road after the Ride Plan comes out. It will have some different rides this year and exciting places to go!!! As always " Let's Enjoy The Ride Together" and look forward to the wind in our faces!!!

Marty & Debbie Wood EWMA NC-M2 Chapter Directors NC Assistant District Directors <u>Woodmarty@rocketmail.com</u> (910) 724-7129



**Bob Topper** 

And just like that, we are already through February. Time flies when we're having fun, doesn't it? We've been able to get together a few times and even ride when the weather has been unseasonably warm, which is fantastic! Any excuse to ride is good, but we were able to take in a "ride" of sorts in support of the Lake Lure/Chimney Rock area folks, on Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. Nine of us rode or drove down to the La Strada Restaurant via some nice backroads, where we made some donations and took in a very nice lunch. We also met up with Joe T. and a couple of friends that rode from the Rutherfordton area, along with some of the fine folks from South Carolina. From there, we headed way around Lake Lure, up towards Old Fort, and then back into Fairview and then Fletcher. It turned out to be a very nice ride, in the upper 50's most of the day. Best of all, the charity, Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach, saw over 200 bikes come out and raised over \$6,000.00 to help some of the families suffering in the area.

Out Cook's Night Out for February ended up being at the Mills River Restaurant instead of the Flat Rock Wood Room due to issues with their kitchen. I was unable to make it but understood that everyone that went still had a good time with good food. For March, we will be going to the Bay Breeze Seafood Restaurant, who has just recently reopened after cleaning up from the storm. Hopefully you'll be able to come out and support some old friends at Bay Breeze and enjoy a great meal, along with our Chapter friendships. Be sure to RSVP to Rusti, as the CNO is on Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Our Chapter Gathering was held at the Golden Corral on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, and we had another great turnout with 22 members and guests in attendance. As usual, we discussed the upcoming events and the all-important 2<sup>nd</sup> Ride Committee meeting being held next Saturday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A couple of important bits of information are: The ride to and tour of the Sullenberger Aviation Museum has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Many of us had already paid for this

last year when it had to be cancelled, but now, Dale is able to add more, so if you're interested in going, get with Dale, and watch for his emails to get added on. Secondly, there will be a "Training Day" held on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. We were originally going to hold it on March 8<sup>th</sup>, but that was too soon to be sure everyone could be notified and plan for it. This training is VERY important to make, especially for our newest members and even as a refresher for some that hadn't ridden with us much recently. Any training is good training, if you attend. See Dale's emails and article for the details on what will be covered. Best of all, there is no cost to members!

Our final Ride Committee Meeting will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, where we will finalize the rides and events for 2025, along with assigning ride captains and other details to the schedule. Soon afterwards, Dale will be sending out the complete schedule to members and we will post it on our website and Facebook page!

I hope to see y'all out and about this Month. Ride safe and ride often!

Bob



## Safety and Ride Coordinator – March 2025

## By: Dale Yager

I have so much to report, we have been working hard on getting things ready for the season. By the time you are reading this, you will have to make several decisions as we have things going on early in the season. We will be Flying High.

April 5th is Tech Day held at the Yager residence from 9:30 AM until about 3:00 PM. This is where you can learn how to service your own motorcycle. Change oil, check your fluids, and Change your air filter, spark plugs. How to read the condition and dates of your tires. How to fix a flat on the side of the road. Every member is invited to attend, participate as you can or just be an observer and learn.

The following Saturday April 12 we will be holding "Training Day". I can't explain how important I feel this is especially for our newer members. We promote ourselves as one of the safest riding groups which comes with some rules. Not sure what they all are? Plan to attend. Topics we will be covering will be Group Riding, Riding in the Mountains, 1<sup>st</sup> on the Scene, and First Aid kit suggestions. We are also hoping for a seminar for Riding from 2 to 3 wheels. We will be holding this at the Salvation Army located at 239 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave E, Hendersonville, at 9:00 AM for your doughnuts. Classes begin at 9:30 AM. Never attended one of these classes before? Please plan on it! Sign up at <u>doowing@aol.com</u>.

The Sullenberger Aviation Museum tour will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet at the Ingles on Highland and Spartanburg at 9:00AM for our tour at noon. If you had already signed up and paid, I have your information. We are now able to take on additional people for the tour through April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Cost of each additional person will be \$16.50 Please contact me at <u>doowing@aol.com</u> for reservations. https://www.sullenbergeraviation.org/.

Our tour meetings were rather successful and we have decided on the two overnight destinations.

One 4 day weekend event will be a ride to the AMA Motorcycle Museum in Pickerington, OH.

A side trip while there will be to the National Air Force Museum located in Dayton, OH. These destinations are about 460 miles away. Marty is now researching it for more specific information

On cost of each, and lodging.

The second overnight trip will be to Savannah, GA to the Mighty Eight Air Force Museum. Gunner is doing the research on this event. We are looking to schedule the first weekend event for the weekend in May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Did I mention that this is right around the corner? Start making your plans to join in. We hold out third tour meeting on March 22<sup>nd</sup> to finalize the season. Thus the theme of Flying High this season.

At the Ride meeting, out of the dates available for Bike Safe being held in Woodfin / Asheville, as a group we picked Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> as the day for us to participate as a group. There is no cost to this and great on the road and classroom training as well as creating a relationship with the local Motorcycle Police patrols. There are only 6 positions available and you must sign up on line with them.

https://www.bikesafenc.com/calendar.lasso?bd=2025-06-01&v=&idg=&dist=&zip=&-se ssion=bikesafe:ADF6C83A05929311A6mh7C1E2180 Let me know if you sign up. In addition to Bike Safe, We are also looking to ride as a group to the MSF Motorcycle Safety Basic II class being held at the Blue Ridge Collage on Sunday June 29<sup>th</sup>.

This eight-hour course is for the rider with at least six months or 3,000 miles riding experience. Students must possess a valid motorcycle learner's permit\* or Motorcycle Endorsement before enrolling. Students will need to furnish a street-legal, properly licensed and insured motorcycle of any size. If the motorcycle is not registered in the student's name, written permission from the owner to use the motorcycle must be furnished. All motorcycles will be inspected for proper and safe conditions with particular attention to tires. If you normally carry a passenger, your passenger will also need to register and pay the 2-Up Passenger fee. This class teaches motorcycle handling in all types of conditions. This is a parking lot course and will help you become one with your motorcycle. There is a cost of \$105.00 each and must be registered online with the college.

https://www.blueridge.edu/programs-courses/personal-enrichment/motorcycle-safety/

FYI: The Florida District Rally is coming up on March 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> in Gainesville Florida. <u>2025 FL District Rally - Events - Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association</u>

**<u>Tech Tip:</u>** Since the season is here, Remember T-Clock your bike to be sure it's ready.



https://msf-usa.org/documents/library/t-clocs-pre-ride-inspection-checklist/

Dale Yager Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator Chapter M2

# 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 |
|       |   |                           |

## Monthly Gathering Winners:

CNO Ride Pot: Gerri B.

Sponsor give-away: Batteries for all; AA & AAA

Chapter Pride: Kathy T.

50/50: Paul W.

M2 Caretaker: M2 retired for most events

## **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 6, 6:30 pm. @ the Bay Breeze Seafood Restaurant, Hendersonville. . RSVP to Rusti by Feb. 5, 1 pm <u>trikelady@yahoo.com</u>

## Rides & Rallies & Meet-ups

- (every Wednesday) 9am Hump Day Breakfast, Eggs Up Grill 637 Spartanburg Hwy H'ville
- CNO; March. 6, 6:30 pm, Bay Breeze Seafood Restaurant, Hendersonville.

RSVP to Rusti by March. 5, 1 pm

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- **Gathering meeting; March 15 ;** Golden Corral, Eat at 9 a.m. meet at 9:45 a.m. Golden Corral 2530 Chimney Rock Rd Hendersonville
- Planning Meeting; 3 of 3, March 22 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.
- Ice Cream Ride? March 28

# Tech Day at the Yager's

## April 5<sup>th</sup> 2025.

#### From 9:30

AM until 3:00 PM. Come learn how to service your motorcycle and save you money. We cover oil change, air filter change, change rear end oil, spark plugs, wheel and tire removal and change and to fix a flat. We take a lunch break and get back at it. We invite you to participate or be an observer. All members are welcome!



April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Salvation Army at 239 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave E, Hendersonville, NC. These classes are what I consider a must for anyone wanting to ride with our group. 9:00AM for doughnuts, Classes begin at 9:30AM. RSVP for these classes so we know how much room we need.

Group Riding (60 Minutes) Riding in the Mountains (30 Minutes) Hand Signals (10 Minutes)Helmets (10 Minutes) 1<sup>st</sup> on the scene (30 Minutes) First Aid Kit suggestions (10 Minutes) Riding from 2 wheels to 3 wheels



• NC Ride In dates; April 12-Rocky Mount, June 14-Burlington, Aug. 9-Hendersonville (South of Asheville)

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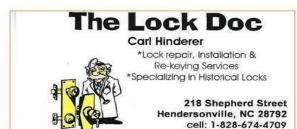
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