



August 2024 Newsletter

Our next Gathering is:

Saturday, August 17, 2024

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

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ENJOY THE RIDE!!

Marty Wood
EWMA NC-M2 Chapter Director

Well we had a great month with intermittent riding and eating experiences!! July 6 is our daughter Jenn's birthday, but she graciously gave up her day to help us make the Chapter picnic a success. Thanks Jenn! Lots of great dishes of food provided by members. We all spent time enjoying each other's company and stories. The rain held off for our picnic and all went well...



Thanks to the Salvation Army of Henderson County for the use of the tables and chairs.

Cooks Night Out was at Calverts in Columbus, NC this month. Good home cooking. Debbie rates their catfish plate as one of the best she's eaten in a restaurant even though she was the last person to be served. If we were doing the quarters game, she would have taken the pot! We might want to revive that activity for our restaurant stops!

Riding has been very limited due to weather events. I feel like we are in Florida with the scheduled rain almost consistently around 2:30-3pm. The last half of the year we have scheduled a lot of activities and rides, so make sure you check the calendar and pick a favorite that you'd like to participate in. I will be heading to Green Bay WI. on the 27th of August for the EWMA National Rally so if you'd like to ride along just let me know....

The EWMA NC Rally (Wings Over The Smokies) will be in September and Debbie and I will be there most of the week setting up and helping out.

We are looking for a good turnout and Joe is planning a ride there. I rode up there last Friday and measured the mileage. It is exactly 199 miles from my house in Hendersonville to the front entrance of the venue, a solid three hours plus some. Bob will be doing the September chapter gathering in my and Debbie's absence. We are putting together a chapter basket to go to the rally with the 4 Seasons theme. We're asking everyone to bring something to go into the basket at the August 17 Gathering meeting at Golden Corral.

Marty & Debbie Wood
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Joe Taylor, Ride to NC Rally, Sept. 20

I am currently planning a ride to the NC Rally on 09-20-24. It will be a long day as I am planning to leave here (my house in Forest City) about 0800, arrive at the Rally about 1245, spend about 3 hrs there, then depart for home about 1600. That should put me home about 2000. Anyone from the Hendersonville area should get home around 2030.

I have attached a Ride sheet that I made up that gives more details of the ride. If anyone wants to see the route they can see to & return routes on my My Route App page, or I can send them a PDF or GPX(compatible with Garmin Zumo) file of the route. If anyone has any other questions they can HMU either email, phone, or text. Please feel free to share my email and PH3 when you send this out.

I will be posting something on FB in our group page and the NC District FB page within the next few days then again maybe a week or 2 before the ride.

A View From the Top

Well, some of our weather forecasters say that our area is still in a drought, but I must

say, my yard is pretty damp and there just haven't been ENOUGH opportunities to get

the bike out, on the weekends, at least, and enjoy a nice summer day riding in the

mountains.

Fortunately, our Annual Cook-Out/BBQ had some good weather for everyone to come out and enjoy each other's company at Marty & Debbie's home, on July 6 th . I was so happy to see so many of you out, even though this was not a riding event. I hope y'all had as good a time as I did, and there was just SO MUCH to eat! My gosh, we can sure supply some good eats, when asked. And what a wonderful job Marty and Debbie, and their kids did hosting this event for the first time. It sure seemed like they thought of everything, and then some. Thanks again for your hospitality!

Unfortunately, after our gathering on the 20 th , the weather did prove to be a spoiler and



our ride to Dillard, Georgia was scrubbed. We did have another great turnout, however, for our monthly “eat and greet” at the Golden Corral, although there were not a lot of bikes in the parking lot for this one.

We did have a total of 9 folks come out for our monthly Ice Cream Ride, on July 26th, even though the forecast was a little on the “iffy” side for the evening hours, it proved to be quite a nice ride to one of our favorite stops, the Celtic Creamery in Hendersonville.

Well, I didn’t want to take a chance on a longer ride, in case the weather turned bad, and I also wanted to pick a spot that has indoor seating, for the same reason.

Thanks to everyone that came out. It’s always a good time when ice cream is involved.

We’ve still got some great riding months ahead and I hope to see lots of you out and about. I’m still not “able” to make it to any of the Hump Day rides, but believe me, I’m with you in envy! Dale continues to do a fantastic job coordinating these weekly rides, and I know he appreciates any assistance or ideas that he can get. I do look forward to being able to help out, myself, and having fun with everyone.

Ride Safe, Ride Smart, and by all means, Ride Often!

Bob

Reflections of Assistant Chapter Director
Bob Topper

Safety and Ride Coordinator

By: Dale Yager

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Bike Safe NC is a free class given to motorcyclists by the Motorcycle Divisions of Police Departments in North Carolina. On Friday, August 16th several of this group have signed up to take the class from the Asheville Police.



The class is in Woodfin and starts at 8:45am sharp! Those of us that are going together will be meeting at the Mills River Ingles at 7:00am. As of the typing of this article, they have 1 opening left. You must sign up on their website. If you do, please let me know you will be joining us. <https://www.bikesafenc.com/> Still one opening if anyone is interested.

Next Saturday, 8/03/24, we have a ride to Shady Valley, TN. We will be meeting at the Mills River Ingles with kickstands up at 8:00am. This is a long ride as well as very challenging. It's not for the novice riders. The overall distance from and back to Hendersonville will be about 300 miles. Yes, that means at least one gas stop during the day. The route will include part of the "Snake" which is 421 from Shady Valley south. It does not include the upper portion as it would make the day that much longer. It still includes some additional twisty roads as well. There will also be some interstate riding. I need to know in advance, ASAP, who plans to go on this ride! As I know it is a long day and lots of miles, if there are no takers I need to evaluate it. Like any ride, the weather will also be taken into consideration.

The Sullenberger Aviation Museum tour is booked for October 5th and our tour time is at noon. The cost is \$16.50 each. We will be meeting at Ingles on Spartanburg Hwy and Upward Rd at 9:00am to get there on time. I have made reservations for 20 people and we still have openings. This is an Aviation Museum that is brand new. This museum also houses the famous "Miracle on the Hudson". Flight 1509 that left New York City on January 15, 2009 en route to Charlotte, NC. The plane was struck with birds and had to have an emergency landing on the Hudson River where everyone survived. The Captain was Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger who was credited with making the decision to land and saved the lives of everyone on board. This museum is a huge piece of American History and rightfully named "Miracle on the Hudson". <https://www.sullenbergeraviation.org/>

I reported a snafu on this at the meeting as it appears they changed people in charge of tours. That has since been resolved. At this time we have 17 people and everyone is paid in advance. Please see Dale in advance if you want to be added to the list.

After our next gathering on 8/17/24, Jim Brabb will be leading the group to the "Hot Nights, Cool Cars Show" in Forest City. We will be leaving right after our August meeting. There is no

cost to look at the cars.

If anyone is interested, the EWMA Rendezvous in Green Bay, WI is taking place August 29 through 31 st . Marty is leaving on August 27 th for this along with David D. They welcome others to join them. Get with Marty if you plan to go.

Jumping ahead just a little, September 6 th through the 9 th several of us are going to and staying at the Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge in Robbinsville, NC for some fantastic riding, food and fun. The house has already been booked and no additional rooms are available, however a member can make their own arrangements for a motel and join us if they wish. There will be additional info coming out by email for those who are signed up.

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.

Speaking of Hump Day Rides: Group ride to Mt. Mitchell where we had a really good meal. An unusual note; there were 3 Honda Valkyrie Interstates on this ride.

Tech Tip:

Tying the thing down! There is a right way and a wrong way to tie down your bike if it needs to be transported by truck or trailer. Most manufacturers will let you know how to tie your bike down if you don't know how. If you are reading this, don't be afraid to ask another member. We are here to help and give advice to everyone. I did an article about this a couple years ago but since then the audience has grown. I highly recommend that you have and carry on your bike what's known as soft ties. These are webbed straps that have loops sewn on both ends. You use these to attach to very specific spots on your bike. I mention you should carry them with you. If your bike breaks down, or is involved in an accident, having them in your garage does you no good. If you break down, you need to supervise how your bike is transported. Keep in mind most tow truck drivers don't know much about motorcycles and any part that protrudes looks like a good spot to use their big metal hook. They also don't know how much to tighten the straps. I recently viewed a bike that had damage to it that I can only attribute to it being strapped down wrong and way too tight. If in an accident and you can't supervise, hopefully your riding buddy can oversee the bike being loaded. These ties are available through Amazon, Harbor Freight, or your favorite dealer. They also keep the nasty metal hooks away from your precious bike.

Dale Yager
Chapter Safety and Ride Coordinator
Chapter M2

Birthdays

August	2	Carl Hinderer	
	11	Melynda Hipp	
	14	Karen Holmes	

Anniversaries

August	15	Joe & Joyce Taylor
	31	Joe & Gloria Murphy

Monthly Gathering Winners:

Sponsor Give-away: Joe T., Norma B., Ken, Dave

Ice Cream Ride Pots- NA

Chapter Pride: Dave

50/50: Dale

CNO pot: Pat P.

M2 Caretaker: Jim B.

Wing Nut Award: Bob T.

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-

First Thursday of each month. This month, **August 1** , 6:30 pm. [Wild Wings Cafe](#), Long Shoals Rd.

RSVP to Rusti or Gerry at trikelady@yahoo.com by May 1, 1pm.

Rides & Rallies

- **CNO, August 1**, [Wild Wings Cafe](#) Ride Captain; Dale
- **Shady Valley, TN, August 3**, Ride Captain; Dale Yager, 8 am ksu Ingles Mills River
- **Bike Safe, August 16**, Ride Captain; Dale Yager, 7am Ingles Mills River
- **Gathering meeting; August 17** -9 am eat, 9:45 meet, ride after gathering to Ride Captain; Jim Brabb, Car Show, Forest City, NC
- **EWMA Rendezvous** Green Bay, WI 8/29-8/31 Marty leaving 8/27/24
- **Ice Cream Ride; August 30**, TBD meet at Ingles on Spartanburg Hwy and Upward Rd, leaving at 6:00pm.
- **Advance Motorcycle Crash Management; Sept. 7-SC-Chapter G**, Greer, SC

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