

RIDE REPORT

Wednesday, 8/26/20, Lunch ride

by Dennis Bible

We left from the Blairsville Marathon station at 10 AM under partly cloudy skies. There were 5 bikes/trikes and nine riders.

We headed up Hwy 129 to Murphy, NC., then continued East to Topton, NC. There we continued on Hwys 19/74 into the Nantahala Gorge where we took a rest break at the Wayah Road Park.

We continued East to Luada and turned South on Hwy 28 towards Franklin, NC., (one of the best motorcycle roads in N. Carolina).

Our lunch destination was The Gazebo Creekside Cafe in Franklin.

They have plenty of outdoor but protected seating at umbrella tables or in the gazebo. The menu has lots of sandwiches, salads and sides to choose from. Sue had a French Dip and I had a huge 1/2# bacon cheeseburger, drinks and a side of potato salad. The bill totaled \$23 including a \$4 tip. Very reasonable.

After lunch we headed South on Hwy 441 where we picked up some back roads at Otto, then continued South to Dillard where we turned West at the Nacootchie School for Blue Ridge Gap and Persimmon (one of my favorite rides).

At Persimmon we hit Hwy 76 and headed West for Hiawassee and home. The weather continued to improve as the day progressed and a good time was had by all.

5 bikes/trike, 9 riders, 125 miles, 6 hours.

