

South Carolina District Newsletter August 2023



Hello South Carolina District,

A lot has happened since our last bulletin. Most of you already know by now that Donna and I were asked to step up as district directors shortly after the SC rally. Not only were we honored, but we were totally caught by surprise. We have been working closely with Don and Rhonda for several months and the plan was to step up at the 2024 rally. Apparently National needed the Weeds sooner than originally planned. We wish them the best in their future endeavors.

As the South Carolina District Directors, we promise to do our best to keep South Carolina Chapters our number one priority. If there is anything you need please feel free to reach out to us anytime. You can find our phone numbers in this bulletin or on the District Website. You can also contact us via email.

We have several events quickly approaching in EWMA and South Carolina. Our Inaugural National Rendezvous will be here in just 33 days as I write this article. I would like to encourage you to sign up and join us there for some fun. I would love to see South Carolina show up in force and let our presence be known. There will be several vendors but more importantly you will see friends you haven't seen in quite some time.

Our annual Campout is October 12-14 at the Santee State Park; the theme is Halloween, so dress in your best costume and come join us for a good time. As always Saturday is the picnic and the District will provide the food. There will be games and a costume contest. For those of you that are camping we will have a contest for best decorated campsite. There will be a flyer attached that will give full details of the campout, and also, you will be able to find this on the district website (ewmasc.org).

We are still having our Chapter Choice Ride In on the fourth Saturday of the month except for September, Chapter P will host theirs on the fifth Saturday. Please show your support for these chapters by attending; they put a lot of effort into organizing these events and the least we can do is participate.

Since taking this position Donna and I have been working diligently on finding a Rally location for 2024, I'm excited to announce that we are going back to the Newberry Firehouse. The dates are May 17th and 18th 2024, our theme is Home Town USA-red, white & blue. More details to come, so keep an eye on the District Website for updates.

Thank You,

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**District Website Link
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**District Facebook Page
<https://www.facebook.com/ewma.sc>**

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Trailer Safety Tips

Summer travel time is here and many will be traveling while pulling a trailer. Whether it is with two, three, or four wheels the basics are the same. Here are a few things to think about before you head out.

Safety chains are required in South Carolina and all other states. The main purpose is to keep trailer attached to tow vehicle in case of hitch failure so trailer does not come loose and injure other road users, not to keep hitch from falling on the road. Chains must be crossed and not too long. Twisting chains to make them shorter puts a twisting stress on the chain and may cause it to fail if needed. I have seen small utility trailers improperly chained. Don't be that guy!

The hitch ball is another thing to give attention to. There is an adjustment on the trailer hitch underneath called the clamp shoe that will take up the slack in the ball connection. Be sure to check the fit and to also keep the ball lubed. Don't like a greasy ball, an empty aluminum beverage can with the top removed makes a good cover.

Be sure to keep trailer lights and signals in good working order. Even on a small motorcycle trailer other drivers may not be looking at tow vehicle signals but watching the trailer signals.

Tongue weight is also a safety consideration. Numbers vary as to how much weight should be on the hitch but 10 – 15% is common. Most motorcycle trailer/campers weigh in anywhere from 400 to 500 pounds. It is a good idea to get it weighed if there is a scale available. I use an inexpensive luggage scale for the motorcycle trailer to get the tongue weight. It is also a good idea to weigh a RV camper, just stop in at a truck stop and use the "CAT" scale. It may surprise how much it actually weighs.

If you pull a trailer; with two wheels especially; be sure to do so safely.

**Richard Kitko
District Safety/Ride Coordinator (East)
EWMA South Carolina**



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Fun is in the Air

First, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 2023 Rally at Furman. I appreciate all the "Good Sports" and those who didn't mind being, part of the laughter and good times.

There is more fun ahead! Please mark your calendar for October 13th - October 14th for the SC District Campout/Picnic at Santee State Park. Being together, sharing stories, creating new friendships are just a small part of what is to come. There will be costumes. games, and of course, great food.

So please come join the fun with friends!

**Susan Kruse
Events Coordinator
EWMA South Carolina**



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Upcoming Rallies & Events

Aug 31-Sep2, 2023 EWMA Inaugural Rendezvous 2023
Convention Center, Knoxville, TN

September 15-16, 2023 EWMA GA Fall Mountain Ride & Camp Reunion
River Vista Resort in Dillard, GA

September 22-23, 2023 EWMA NC Wings Over the Smokies
Ashe Shriner's Club in Jefferson, NC

September 28-30, 2023 EWMA AL District Rally
"Western Roundup - Boots & Hats" in Eufaula, AL

October 13-14, 2023 SC EWMA District Fall Campout & Picnic
Santee State Park in Santee, SC

October 26-28, 2023 EWMA MS District Rally
"MS Eagle's 1st" in Biloxi, MS



EWMA-SC would like to invite you to come join us as a MEMBER! We have chapters across the State and each would be happy to welcome you!

The QR Code will take you directly to a Membership Application.

Referred By: _____
Referred By Member# _____
Chapter: SC- _____
Contact Phone# _____



****These recruiting cards are available from your Chapter Director or District Directors, Jon or Donna Horning.**

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JOIN US FOR SC Picnic & Ride In

Santee State Park, 251 State Park Rd, Santee, SC
October 14, 2023. Sign In starts at 10:00.

Hamburger/Hotdog Lunch at 1:00. Halloween
Costume Contest, Dessert Silent Auction, Games,
50/25/25, Campsite Decoration Contest.

Contact southcarolinaparks.com or
call 803-854-2408 for camping.

Friday - Breakfast 8:30, Supper 6:30 - your Favorite
Dish to Share. Bring a Chair & Join the fun.

NAMES _____ EWMA # _____ \$6 each _____ =Total \$ _____
NAMES _____ EWMA Non-member \$9 Each _____ =Total \$ _____

***Picnic RSVP to Mary Coral by 10/2/23 & Mail check to EWMA SC, 304 Silver
Branch Rd, West Columbia SC 29170***

Print this page to send your Picnic Registration to Mary Coral

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