



# September 2023 Newsletter



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## Chapter P Gathering Information

Our gatherings are now on the 2nd Thursday.

We meet at The Flight Deck Restaurant,  
109-A Old Chapin Road, Lexington, SC.

## Thursday, September 14, 2023

From I-20, take Exit 58 towards Lexington.  
The restaurant is just past the intersection of Hwy 1  
and Columbia Ave. on the left.

**Dinner/Gathering start at 6 pm**



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*The Chapter that rides.....*

## CHAPTER DIRECTORS JOHN & CINDY WOOD



What a great month full of activities even though the temperatures were extremely hot. I'm hoping September brings some cooler weather so we can all get out and do some riding and attend the many events going on. With Labor Day weekend comes time with family but also the first EWMA Rendezvous in Knoxville, TN. Hopefully everyone can make it to the event, but if not there is plenty more going on in September. Our Gathering will be on Thursday, Sept. 14th at the Flight Deck. The Georgia Fall Mountain Ride & Camp will be on Sept. 15th & 16th in Dillard, Ga, the NC, Wings Over the Smokies will be Sept. 23rd & 24th in Fletcher, NC, & Alabama's Rally in Eufaula is Sept. 28th - 30th. In addition, September is

Chapter P's month to host the District Ride In. On Sept. 30th we'll begin by meeting at the Military Museum at 10 am and head to lunch TBD at around noon. The museum is free to all, but I'm sure everyone attending will enjoy the history.

We'll also have a retiree ride on Sept. 12th, another Chapter Camping/Mountain riding trip from Sept.

20th to 24th to Willeville, Va. and our Chapter Dinner in the final week of the month.

The first weekend in August was a very busy day with several events planned. The day began with the Flight of the Doves bicycling event in Clinton to raise money for Hospice.



There were 274 cyclists participating and the event raised over \$37,000 dollars raised. A big Thank You to all! We also supported the Little Mountain Parade returning after a few year hiatus due to Covid, along with our friends from Newberry, Chapter S.



As if supporting two events on Saturday morning the Chapter came out in force to the Blowfish final regular season baseball game in Lexington. We took advantage of the all-you-can eat offered for the game, so we enjoyed a great ballgame with the Blowfish coming out on top and advancing to the Coastal Division playoffs. We had about 30 members from both Chapter P & S in attendance. What a great time it was with our friends and family who also attended with Cindy and me as we were Honored as the Military Family at the start of the game. I threw out the first pitch and was happy I didn't bounce it to the catcher. I'd like to Thank Hawk for nominating us and to the Blowfish organization for their dedication to Veterans at the beginning of each game. I'd like to Thank all the folks who came out and spent time together, and I'd be remiss not to give a shout out to Donna Baum for setting this event up for the second year. Looks like an annual event.







We had a good attendance at our Gathering on August 10th. After a good meal at the Flight Deck we covered some past events before celebrating Birthdays/Anniversaries. Mike Hopson won the Quarter Jar, but it will roll over to September since he wasn't there. We had visitors from the District, Chapter S, and Barry Anderson's family. Our 50-25-25 winners were Joanne Hoover & Mary Coral. Congrats! Thanks to all who came out, and the September Gathering will be at the Flight Deck on September 14th. Hope 2 see U there.



On August 22nd we had several Chapter Members gather in Pelion for a short Retiree Ride to the Piggly Wiggly in Neese's for breakfast. After a great ride to breakfast, enjoying fellowship and a good breakfast we traveled through several small towns returning home before the extreme heat captured us. Great day with friends.



Our camping trip to Georgia was a joint venture with the MCR Masters City Riders from Augusta, Ga to Trackrock Campground near Blairsville. Great weather for riding took us on hwy 180 near Suches motorcycle camp. We enjoyed our time with the folks from MCR. Thanks for letting us ride along.



On August 19th, Chapter S hosted their first Gathering at their new location at the Roma's House of Pizza in Prosperity, SC. We'd like to Welcome the new Chapter S Directors, Mike and Carla Ammons and say their new venue worked out well. Thanks to our Chapter P folks who supported the event.



September 10



September 18



September 23





We had a great group of folks come out for our Chapter Dinner on August 24th at Bellis House of Pizza in Lexington. With 24 in attendance I'm sure the restaurant enjoyed us being there. The food and service were great, and the staff is always friendly. It was nice seeing so many folks there. I'd like to Congratulate Jeannie Abston on her Retirement. It was also nice seeing Beverly Selman, along with John Jordan & Wyatt Coleman. I like to give Donna Baum a special Thanks for finding great eating places. Let her know if you have a special place to eat.



On Saturday, August 26 we had three Chapter P riders defy the heat advisory and saddle up for a ride to the District Ride-In visiting Chapter F and their Directors Renee & Eugene Dent at their home in Greenville. We were greeted by a large Frankenstein in the yard following their Halloween Theme get together. I must say, they went above and beyond including music by a skeleton duet singing in the garage. We enjoyed a super hot dog lunch with all the fixins with a great spread of desserts. Along with Chapter F, other Chapters, A,G,P, and S were present. We headed home during the heat of the day, but although near 100 degrees we headed back toward home. Chapter P will be hosting the Ride-In on September 30th with a visit to the Military Museum and lunch afterwards TBD. It looks like September will be a busy month starting with the EWMA inaugural Rendezvous in Knoxville, Tn along with the Georgia, North Carolina, and Alabama Rallies. We also have several dates to remember, Labor Day and September 11 Remembrance, not to forget our normal activities. I'll include the trip and events from the Rendezvous in the October Newsletter.

Until Next Time.....

John & Cindy

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## Assistant Directors & Webmaster Bob and Donna Baum



August started off with our Chapter attending a Lexington Blowfish game on the 5<sup>th</sup>. If you weren't able to make it, you missed a good time. We had almost 30 folks attend. Including our District Directors Jon and Donna Horning along with the new Chapter S Directors Mike and Carla Ammons. John and Cindy were recognized for their military service and John even got to throw out the first pitch. The Blowfish won the game and the fireworks were really good this year. From the positive response we've received, I think we're going to make this a yearly even.

Donna and I were able to take a little weekend bike trip to St. Simons Island for our Anniversary. If you've never been, I highly recommend it. St. Simons is one of the "Golden Isles" off the Georgia coast right across the channel from Jekyll Island. We met Captain Rod and he took us on a trolley tour round the island where he taught us about the island's history and its people. On Saturday we found a little crêpe stand and had a wonderful breakfast and later ate our weight in seafood for dinner. All in all, a really great time despite the heat.



Again, I want to remind everyone that is riding, or doing anything, in this heat to hydrate. Drink plenty of water BEFORE planned outdoor activities. If you're planning a ride, start hydrating the night before. I know, you'll make a few bathroom trips in the middle of the night, but you'll be thankful the next day. Lastly, if you have any suggestions for dinners or rides, please let us know. We're always looking for someplace new to check out.

Until next time, Fins Up! ...../ ).....  
Bob and Donna

## Did you know????

South Carolina is one of the earliest states to mark historical sites with a marker, beginning in 1936. There are over 1700 markers placed throughout S.C. I know riding our motorcycles on many roads we see them dotted along the sides of the roads. Unfortunately, we are usually going too fast to read much that is written on them, and rarely is there a place you can get off the road to stop and read about that site. Most are erected after petition by a group or individual

Some markers found in Lexington County: [DAH\\_South\\_Carolina\\_Historical\\_Markers\\_Guidebook\\_2019.pdf\(sc.gov\)](#) )

32-9 LEE'S TAVERN SITE E. COLUMBIA AVE. (U.S. HWY. 1), LEESVILLE Mills' Atlas of 1820 shows this site on the Augusta-Columbia road as the location of John W. Lee's Stage Tavern. According to local tradition, this vicinity was the probable site of President George Washington's breakfast stop on May 22, 1791. The Town of Leesville derives its name from the family of John W. Lee, who were early settlers of this area. Erected by Lexington County Historical Society, 197

32-32 SALUDA FACTORY CEMETERY BOTANICAL LN., WEST COLUMBIA This cemetery, thought to contain graves of supervisors and workers in the post-Civil War community of Saluda, includes 31 marked graves and between 525 and 900 total burials. The Saluda Factory was a modest success before the war and was burned by Union troops in 1865. Rebuilt as the Saluda Manufacturing Company in 1974, it employed about 100 workers before it burned in 1884. Erected by the South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and the Mungo Company, 200

32-43 BLINDING OF ISAAC WOODARD WEST CHURCH ST. NEAR FULMER ST., BATESBURG-LEESVILLE (Front) Sgt. Isaac Woodard, a black soldier, was removed from a bus in Batesburg and arrested on Feb. 12, 1946, after a dispute with the bus driver. Woodard was beaten and blinded by a town police officer and the next day convicted in town court for "drunk and disorderly." The incident led Harry Truman to form a Council on Civil Rights and issue Executive Order 9981, which desegregated the U.S. Armed Forces in 1948. (Reverse) The police officer was charged with violating Woodard's civil rights but was acquitted by an all-white jury. The result troubled the presiding judge, J. Waties Waring, who would go on to issue landmark civil rights rulings, including a dissent in *Briggs v. Elliott* (1952), which became a model for *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954). In 2018 a judge, on the town's motion, expunged Woodard's conviction. Sponsored by the Sgt. Isaac Woodard Historical Marker Association, 2019 [Dedicated to the memory of Isaac Woodard, 2019] (bracketed text written in Braille)  
.....Editor

## Ride & Safety Coordinator

Rich Kitko



### A Route 50 Adventure - Part II

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> we left Route 66 and headed for Route 50 westbound! We skirted around the bottom of St. Louis to avoid the city, crossed the mighty Mississippi River into Missouri and rode through the farmland toward Kansas City. Route 50 runs along the south side of KC, which helped us avoid city driving again, and hooks up with I-35. We found an Army Corps of Engineers campground by a lake for \$16. 407 miles for the day.



Next day we packed up early and headed for Dodge City as that was on John's list of things to see. They say that crossing Kansas is flat and boring. Well, I never see any road as boring. Even the same road every day is different. On the way into Dodge, we rode along a windmill farm that stretched for 20 miles and kept going past the city. Guess it gets mighty windy there!

On the way into town, we stopped at a scenic overlook and were surprised by what we saw, a HUGE feedlot full of cattle! We knew Dodge was a Cowtown but weren't prepared for this sight. According to the sign more than 10,000 cattle get processed into beef products EVERY DAY! That is a lot of hamburgers!



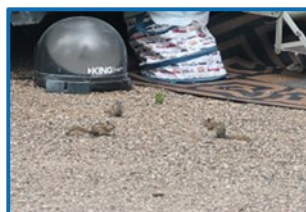
We then went looking for the old Dodge City and Boot Hill. John was disappointed because old Dodge only exists in a museum replica and Boot Hill cemetery was moved twice to build a building in its place. The city is now an industrial complex for the beef industry which feeds the world. Our Camp for the night was at Guns smoke Campground with 296 miles for the day.



The next day we spent July 4<sup>th</sup> riding in western Kansas and eastern Colorado. In the east we are used to seeing large areas of forest, but the middle part of the country is wide open. This is where the grain, hay and cattle that feeds everyone comes from. Small towns with hard working farmers and ranchers are the backbone of this great country.

We finally entered the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. This is where we saw a river run uphill! For some reason when we were following the Arkansas River along Rt 50 even though the road went up hill it looked like it went down and that made the river look like it was flowing uphill. After a lively conversation with the locals in a restaurant they pointed us to a campground up the road.

We camped at Monarch Spur Campground which had very friendly owners and gave us a deal on a site. 404 miles for the day.



Richard Kitko  
SC EWMA Safety/Ride Coordinator



## Dates to Remember.....

Aug 31-Sept 2 -EWMA Rendezvous/Knoxville, TN  
 September 4– Labor Day  
 September 7 - Retiree Ride - TBD  
 September 10 - National Grandparents Day  
 September 11- Patriots Day/9-11 Remembrance  
 September 14- Chapter Gathering - Flight Deck  
 September 15-16- Georgia Rally -Dillard, Ga  
 September 20-24-Camping to Willeville, VA & NC Rally  
 September 22-23 - Wings Over the Smokies - Jefferson NC  
 September 23 - First Day of Fall  
 September 28 - Chapter Dinner - TBD  
 September 28-30 - Alabama Rally - Eufaula, AL  
 September 30 - District Ride-In - Chapter P Host

*Please monitor your email as things may change. Also when able additional activities and rides are planned throughout the month. You don't want to miss out on a ride (2, 3, or 4 wheels welcome!!)*

October 12 - Chapter Gathering - Flight Deck

November 6 - Veterans Day Parade - Lexington  
 November 9-12 - The Wall That Heals - Vietnam Memorial - Spartanburg  
 November 11– Veteran's Day

## Dinner Ride

Arrive for dinner between 6 to 630 pm. (start ordering at 6).  
 That way the restaurant will be ready for us.

**Tuesday** September 26– 6PM- Ocean View Seafood 1000 Knox Abbott drive, Cayce, 803-791-5700

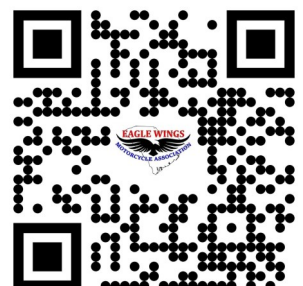
Ahoy Donna!!!



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 Donna Baum 14  
 Hank LaCons 14  
 Cindy Wood 15  
 Paul Settle 17  
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### ***Upcoming Rallies***

September 15-16, 2023 EWMA GA Fall Mountain Ride & Camp Reunion "Guided Mountain Rides & Eating" in Dillard, GA

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

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

EWMA NC WOS District Rally Location and Date To Be Determined

**May 17-18 South Carolina District Rally, Newberry , SC**





# 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](http://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 Cora by 10/2/23 & Mail check to EWMA SC, 304 Silver  
Branch Rd, West Columbia SC 29170*

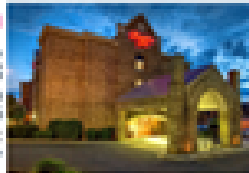
Rally Site  
**Newberry Firehouse  
 Convention Center**



227 McKibben St,  
 Newberry, SC 29108

**Host Hotel : Hampton Inn**

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 Newberry, SC 29108  
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**Additional accommodations options:**



**Days Inn**

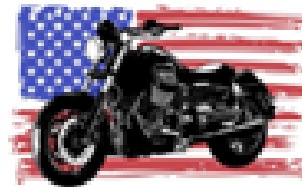
50 Thomas Griffin Rd  
 Newberry, SC 29108  
 803-276-2244  
 Rates starting at \$  
 70 plus tax per night\*

**\*\*When Booking your room at either hotel please let them  
 know you are with EWMA to get the above rates\*\***

**Area Camping:**

Droher Island State Park 803-345-7275  
 Newberry/126/Sumter National Forest KOA 864-697-1214

**EWMA  
 South Carolina  
 District Rally**



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**May 17 & 18, 2024**



**Newberry  
 South Carolina**

**2024 SC DISTRICT RALLY PRE-REGISTRATION FORM**

EWMA Members \$30 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-EWMA Members \$35 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Pre-registration deadline is April 30, 2024. No refunds after May 10, 2024*

*On-site registrations increased by \$5 each. Age 15 & under free with paying adult.*

Pre-Registered Day Pass \$15 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Registration Tickets and Rally Shirts**

\$0/\$5/\$10 Tickets (\$6 for \$5) (\$14 for \$10) (\$30 for \$20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Prize Tickets (1 for \$1) (11 for \$10 Book) \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**All Shirts must be pre-ordered: \*\*\*There will be no shirt sales at the Rally\*\*\***

Short Sleeve Tee S, M, L, XL - \$16 / 2XL & up - \$19 Size \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Long Sleeve Tee S, M, L, XL - \$20 / 2XL & up - \$23 Size \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Short Sleeve Golf S, M, L, XL - \$27 / 2XL & up - \$29 Size \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first SC Rally? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Rider (1) \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA # \_\_\_\_\_ Rider (2) \_\_\_\_\_ EWMA# \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*I/We agree to hold harmless EWMA co-sponsoring organization and any property owners for any loss or injury in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation at this Rally. I/We have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) below:*

Rider Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Rider Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





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