



January 2024 Newsletter



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Fourth Saturday January, 27, 2024 9:00 AM



Lizard's Thicket
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The Chapter that rides....

**CHAPTER DIRECTORS
JOHN & CINDY WOOD**



Well folks, we've closed out another successful and busy year. 2023 began with Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association's official beginning. Chapter P flourished with 65 members signing up after the close of our long time GWRRA. The transition seemed seamless with the Chapter and District continued, but it also marked the resurrection of the Region A which includes seven states. I won't go into every event, but the South Carolina Rally at Furman University was a lot of fun, along with the first EWMA Rendezvous in Knoxville. As we close the book 2023 it's time to look forward at what events are happening in 2024. We'll start off the year with our annual Polar Bear Ride. This year we'll be heading to BJ's Buffet in North Augusta, details to follow. The District will be hosting the second All Members Forum on January 20th at the Lake Murray Community Center beginning at 10 am. This is your opportunity to participate in what will be happening in the District and Chapter for the upcoming year. We are looking at another change to our Gatherings for the first quarter of 2024. Folks were complaining about traffic getting to the Flight Deck for our get-togethers, so we'll change things up a little and do breakfast at the Lizard's Thicket at 9 am. This should help with traffic and night time driving. We'll re-evaluate in March. We're looking at continuing our Retiree Ride, Chapter Ride, and increasing to two Chapter Dinners per month. I'm sure we'll add in a few more events as we go along. Be ready for an exciting year.



The beginning of December started with the Toys-for-Tots on December 3rd. Mother Nature put a damper on our annual ride, but we had nine folks join us for breakfast at Shoney's. Although we only had three members ride to the drop off, gifts were donated by all. Thanks for all the donations, I'm sure the gifts made a difference to the children at Christmas. Chapter P, you're awesome.



Next up in December was our Chapter Christmas Party with gift exchange. We had a great crowd, with around forty Chapter Members present. As folks arrived the socializing began as there were folks we don't see very often. With a short bit of information to pass out before the eating began, including the Polar Bear Ride and new Gathering info we offered our thanks to the Lord by reading a "Letter from Jesus" before having dinner catered by Shealy's. After a very filling meal, wouldn't expect less from Shealy's we rearranged chairs for the Gift Exchange with Natanna serving as the emcee.

A Christmas Letter from Jesus

*When you look for me at Christmas,
You won't need a special star.
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem.
I'm right here where you are.
You may not be aware of me
amid the celebrations.
You'll have to look beyond the stores,
and all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do,
To close your eyes and say a prayer,
I'm waiting here for you.
You're the one I want to be with.
You're the reason that I came!
And you'll find me in the stillness
Where I'm whispering your name.*



Some folks stopped at the Christmas Display for a picture before departing for home. We'd like to say Thanks everyone for coming out. Pictures are on page 3.



Again, Mother Nature played a negative part of an event. No matter how much planning is put into an event, adapting to the weather is a must. The 23rd Annual Vets Christmas Charity Ride played victim to the weather on Sunday, December 10th. Although the motorcycle ride was cancelled due to weather the event was a rain or shine event. With the ride cancelled and all the planned events at the Dorn VA Hospital cancelled the happening place was Carolina Honda. The rain held out as folks came by to visit and drop off their gifts eventually filling the trailer with gifts for the Veterans, that's what it's all about. We had folks from several Chapters, (H, S, & P) stop by to drop off donations and volunteer their time with planning and executing this worthwhile event. I don't have the final count on gift and monetary donations, but will share with you when I get them. The Honda shop was open, so I took advantage by purchasing oil & filter while Cindy held down a new Goldwing while discussing important items with Jim Proper & Natanna Wright. Again, thanks to all who helped out with this this.



special Thanks to Jim Wertman and the crew at Carolina Honda, and Gene Royer, family, employees, & friends of All American Heating & Air for making this happen, rain or shine. From Jim Wertman: "We Delivered Christmas to Dorn VA Hospital and there was enough gifts to do what we always do. Thanks to all who participated because the Vets in Dorn VA Hospital will have a very nice Christmas. AS the money continues to come in at this moment we have \$18 thousand in donations that will go to purchase the things the Veterans still need to ensure their quality of life. Not one bike road Sunday because of the weather but they still came and so did our awesome community. They were not going to let our Veterans down. For 23 years we have never failed to bring Christmas to the Vets in Dorn VA Hospital and I I wish other VA Hospitals had an event that did the same thing. It's been very hard to spread the word outside of our area. I am so very proud to work with this event every year because the Bikers, the community, the sponsors, the media, the volunteers you never let us down. God Bless and Merry Christmas and the 24th Vets Christmas Charity Ride will take place December 8th 2024. Hope to see all of you again and a few new faces."





On Saturday, December 16th we along with the Patriot Guard, the American Legion, and many others came together at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery to Honor our Fallen Hero's. I remember when this cemetery first opened in 2009 for Veterans and now there are ninety six hundred Veterans buried here. The Ceremony honored not only those who have passed but those currently here, active and retired, along with their



families. If you couldn't make it out, please plan to attend next years event. The wreath pick-up date will be January 10th at the Cemetery. This is a big task, come out early and lend a hand. Don't forget your broomstick. Our final get together for 2023 was on Tuesday, December 19th at the Flight Deck Restaurant. We had a good crowd come out for dinner and share in conversation, along with well wishes for the upcoming holidays. With fond farewells all headed homeward until our next get together.

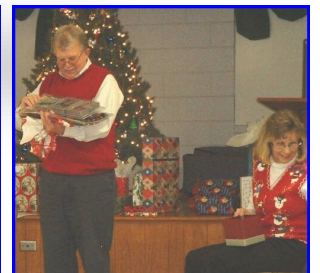
We wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and look forward to our Annual Polar Bear Ride on New Years Day.



Folks, it's been a great year and we look forward to a sensational 2024.

Until Next Time.....John & Cindy

So long 2023, and Welcome 2024!



Blast from the Past
Christmas 2005
Thanks Jim Wood for pictures

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October 11-13, 2024

Picnic -, October 12th

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Assistant Directors & Webmaster Bob and Donna Baum



Donna and I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

We finished 2023 with our dinner on the 19th at The Flight Deck. Before that, we had our Christmas party on the 9th. I think everyone enjoyed the Shealy's catered dinner. And the gift exchange was spirited as usual.

In January we have a lot of things coming up. We have our Polar Bear Ride on the 1st with a ride to BJ's Restaurant in North Augusta. We have our dinners on Tuesday the 9th and 23rd. On the 20th the SC Eagle Wings 2024 Kick Off Celebration will take place at the Lake Murray Community Center at 10:00 a.m. Stay tuned to your email for more details.

If you're going on the Wingers-N-Waves cruise in February, it's time to complete your check-in. If you couldn't make it for this year's cruise, there's the 10th Anniversary cruise coming up in February 2025. You can check it out at wingersnwaves.com. Or get with any of us that are going this year. We have at least 8 Chapter members making the trip!

Tour of Honor sign up is ongoing at tourofhonor.com. We already have 3 Chapter P members signed up! This will be our 7th year participating and I would encourage you to check out their website to see what it's all about and sign up. While it's not necessary to sign up online to ride along with us, this is a quality organization, and your participation will help benefit Veterans and First Responder charities. This year we're going to try to complete the ride in May or June before it gets too hot.

We're always looking for suggestions for Tuesday dinners or rides. If you have some place in mind, please let us know.

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



Ride & Safety Coordinator

Rich Kitko

Skills Training



As we approach the New Year now is a good time to think about brushing up on some of our riding skills. As we age, and as the weather gets colder and we ride less, our riding skills get rusty. Add to the fact that the most training that we had when starting riding was "here is the throttle, here is the clutch, here is the shifter and here is the rear brake. Don't use the front brake because it will put you over the handlebars ". How did we ever survive this long with training like that?

Now with cooler weather here it is a good time to find a vacant lot and do some practice. Even a short ride to a lot to do some practice gets you out on the bike. Any ride is a good ride!

There are several places to get ideas for training. The EWMA website has many parking lot diagrams to set up practice. YouTube has many videos, type in 'motorcycle training'. Ride Like a Pro Jerry Palladino has many good videos as well as others to get ideas from. And if any Chapter would like and can find a lot to use, I can look at setting up a PLP, Parking Lot Practice.

I have noticed that my U-turns aren't as smooth as they used to be. So, it's time for me to go to the local school that has a good lot and spend some time honing my skills to be ready for nice weather riding.

Remember "practice makes perfect".

Richard Kitko EWMA Safety/Ride Coordinator



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New Year's Resolutions

I will always check the tire pressure before riding my motorcycle

I will always check the oil level before riding my motorcycle

I will keep my windshield clean

I will make sure all compartments are secure before I take off on my bike

I will always make sure I wear appropriate protective clothing and a helmet when riding my motorcycle

I will assure I have enough gas for the journey and stop before 'empty' to refill

I will obey all traffic laws

I will keep more than adequate distance between myself and others

I will assume other drivers do not see me and drive defensively

Dates to Remember.....



January 1- New Year's Day /Polar Bear Ride
January 9 -Chapter Dinner/Congaree House of Pizza
January 10 - Wreath Pick up at Fort Jackson Natl. Cemetery
January 11 -Retiree Ride/ TBA
January 15 -Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 20- District All Members Forum/Lake Murray Community Center/1000
January 23 -Chapter Dinner/Flight Deck
January 27- Chapter Gathering/Lizard's Thicket/0900

February 2 -Ground Hog Day
February 2 to 10/ Wings & Waves Cruise
February 24 -Chapter Gathering/Lizard's Thicket/0900

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

Dinner Rides

Note time differences

Tuesday, Jan 9, South Congaree House of Pizza
714 Est Main St West Columbia 6:00 PM

Tuesday Jan 23, Flight Deck 109 Old Chapin Rd, Lexington 6:30 PM



Jean Hopson 2
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Upcoming Rallies

March 14 - 16, 2024 - Florida District Rally - Gainesville, FL

April 25-27 2024 - Tennessee Rally - Johnson City, TN

May 17-18,2024 -South Carolina District Rally, Newberry , SC

June 13 –15, 2024 - Georgia/Region A Ride-In, Dillard, GA

June 27 –29 2024 Alabama District Rally - Sheffield, AL

August 28 –Sept. 2 , 2024–EWMA Rendezvous - Green Bay, WI

September 22 –23, 2024 North Carolina Rally - Jefferson, N.C

October 24-26, 2024 Mississippi District Rally - Biloxi, MS



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