

South Carolina Chapter S

Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

Newberry Riders

Come Ride With Us!

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Hello Newberry Riders,

I hope the Holidays have been good to you. I was able to watch my grandkids tear into gifts and have a good time so my Christmas was good.

One of my favorite holiday is here also. New Years!!! I love to build a fire in the fire pit and watch the fireworks around the neighborhood. I use to watch the fireworks that the Opera House put on but they stopped that a few years ago.

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I love New Years because it is like you almost get to start over. I love to sit down and set personal goals for myself for the upcoming year. Some are easily reached, some take effort and work to achieve, and some are high but gives me something to strive for. If you do reach a high goal it is a great feeling of achievement.

I have also set some goals for myself as Director of Newberry Riders. This past year the Chapter saw a new program and we saw new leadership. We are still a strong Chapter and I think we are heading for a very good year. One of my goals is to get some new bike riders to join and we get out and ride.

We already have a few people asking about Newberry Riders. We just need to get out and be seen and talk with people. All it is going to take is to get one or two new members that spread the word and others will seek us out.

I look forward to things ahead & spending time with the Chapter family. We have a very good idea that came up at the Christmas party that will be a great service to kids dealing with Cancer. Thank you Mrs "Pinky" Garrett for what you did at the party. Carla and I so look forward to being part of the service project.

We hope to see everyone soon. Stay safe and well.

Michael & Carla Ammons Director of Newberry Rides



Chapter S Christmas Party December 16, 2023





Chapter S had a blast at our annual Christmas Party at Trotter's Restaurant in Clinton. Members were treated to a delicious buffet and laughter was abundant when we started the gift exchange. Poor Jon P. thought he would never get to keep his gifts because those mean Grinches stole his gift numerous times.























Participation Award

Those of you that weren't able to make the Christmas gathering, we missed you. It was a great time. My plans had been to give out the participation award at the Christmas gathering BUT because of my slackness and forgetting the bucket of tickets that has everyone's name on one for each event you participated in we were not able to award that.

It has been decided to draw the three winners at the District Kick off gathering. This will show the other chapters the type of things we are doing. One \$50 winner and two \$25 winners. And yes, just like if we had done it at the Christmas gathering, you do have to be present to win. See you at the Kick Off.

Michael Ammons

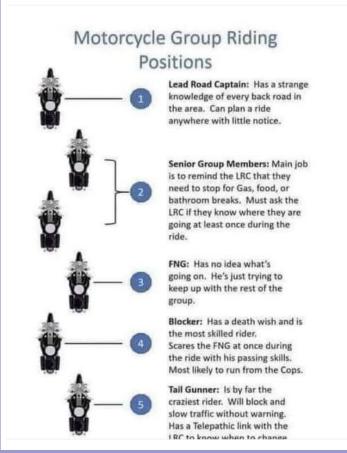


December 10th - 22nd 2023 we went on a little cruise out of Tampa Florida. Stopped in the Cayman Islands, Columbia South America, Colon Panama, Costa Rica and lastly Cozumel Mexico. Yes we had a good time. We had rough seas a day or two with 48 knot winds for a while. The outside decks were closed during the worst of it. It was fun to watch people struggle to walk strait ... LOL ... I never did get pictures of us in the main dinning room we sat in every night. Yup already did the online check in for the next one ... LOL ... We love our cruises.

The refresher below is a great plan for riding in a group.

(Ignore the hilarious verbiage beside the formation image)

Leader (Road Captain) usually rides in the left track of the lane, second rider rides behind and slightly to the right of the leader (in the right track), third bikes is in the left track, and so on. This formation gives each rider additional seconds to anticipate any road hazards and helps with braking, line of sight, and is just a safer way to ride in a group.



Skills Training

As we approach the New Year now is a good time to think about brushing up on some of your 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



Upcoming Region A Rallies FL District Rally Gainesville Mar 14-16, 2024 50s 60s 70s TV Shows TN Spring Fling Rally Apr 25-27, 2024 Johnson City Banjos & Barbeque SC District Rally May 17-18, 2024 Newberry Hometown USA GA/Region A Ride In Jun 13-15, 2024 Dillard Combo Rally Sweet Home AL Rally Jun 27-29, 2024 Sheffield 50s Sock Hop Green Bay WS **EWMA Rendezvous** Aug 29-31, 2024 NC Rally Sep 20-21, 2024 **TBA** Wings Over Smokies Oct 24-26, 2024 MS District Rally Biloxi Born to be Wild

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	I New Year's Day Polar Bear Ride TBA	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Wayne Shunamon	10	11	12	13
14	15 MLK Day	I6 Bill Wilson	17	18	19	20 SC EWMA Kick Off Lake Murray Com Ctr 10 AM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Doug Garrett
28	29	30	31			

* Monthly Dinner Nights will resume in March 2024

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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11	12	13 Glenn Bumgarner	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Post 3 Break- fast 9:30 S Gathering Roma's 1 PM	
18	19 Presidents Day	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29			