



# February 2024 Newsletter



## Chapter P Gathering Information

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**Fourth SATURDAY**  
**February 24, 2024 9:00 AM**

**Lizard's Thicket**  
**4616 Augusta Rd. (US-1)**



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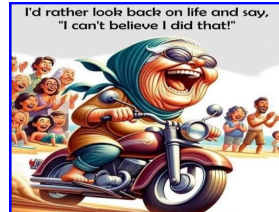
*The Chapter that rides....*

# CHAPTER DIRECTORS JOHN & CINDY WOOD



Friends, as we complete the first month of the New Year I must say that New Years Day has been the best riding day to date. We haven't gotten much riding in, but Mother Nature has assumed the riding drivers seat. I'm hoping February will improve, beginning with Ground Hog Day on February 2nd. I'm hoping for the end of winter to get here quick. The Wingers-n-Waves Cruise will be the first event of the month with many members not only from our Chapter, but the District participating. We won't be setting up any Chapter events during the cruise but plan to hit land running when folks return, so keep an eye on your email for short notice rides. Don't forget your Sweetie's on Valentine's Day February 14th. We'll also celebrate Presidents Day on the 22nd. Our Chapter Gathering will be on Saturday, February 24th at the Lizards Thicket starting at 9 am. Looking down the road, we're

looking at doing our Annual Chili Cook-off in March, looking for someone head up this event, along with a Chapter Picnic down the road. Things seem to slow a bit during the winter months, but I encourage riding when to can to stay sharp. Rest assured, we'll start our riding soon. If you can think of a ride you'd like to take let me know. For now, our Ride Coordinator is recovering from an injury and I'm working to get my hip functioning without pain so we're both sidelined for now. Let's take a look at what the Chapter did during January. First up was our annual Polar Bear Ride. This year we traveled to BJ's Buffet in North Augusta. Chapter P had a strong showing, with 43 from the State attending lunch and enjoying their rides from home. Enjoy the pictures.

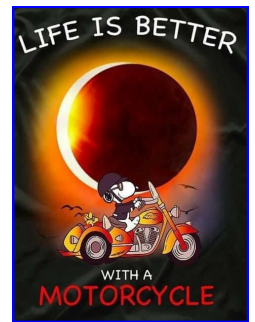




We had a great turnout for our Chapter Dinner at the South Congaree House of Pizza. As usual the food and service were great. Coupled with the conversations and general socializing we had a great time. I encourage all members to come out and get involved when they can. Don't miss all the fun.



On a very cool morning on January 10th four Chapter Members along with volunteers from other organizations came out to the Fort Jackson National Cemetery to pick up the 9600 wreaths placed on the graves of the Veterans laid to rest there. Thanks to a local Christian School coming out with their students the clean-up was accomplished in a little over an hour. With cold hands and feet we returned to our vehicles to warm up. Thanks to those who came out, and the more assisting makes light work of the clean up. Thanks to all!



On Saturday morning, January 20th the second All Members Forum took place at the Lake Murray Community Center in Lexington. There were 61 members present from nine of the ten Chapters in South Carolina. Cindy and I couldn't stay for this event. We had our Granddaughters Birthday Party in Cary, NC. See Rich's Article for what went on.



We had a smaller than normal group come out for our Chapter Dinner at the Flight Deck on Tuesday, January 23rd but we didn't lack conversation covering many topics. From motorcycles to jet engines, to plans for the cruises coming up. All this fun while enjoying a good meal with



We held our Monthly Gathering at the Lizards Thicket on Augusta Highway and will meet on the fourth Saturday in February at 9 am. This change was driven by our members input, so we'll try this change for a bit. I was able to get our Gatherings back to the second Saturday for March to accommodate the Districts planned "Around the State Ride" scheduled for March 19th to 22nd, more information to follow when the details are worked out. The Chapter Staff continues to hear what our folks are saying and will continue to make it work. We currently have 72 current members, so listening to you all is important.



Let's Welcome Deb Kelderman to Chapter P. Please get to know her, she rides a Can Am. We had a great crowd, with over 30 including visitors from the District, Newberry, & Ohio. We surely filled up the room, but it had been a bit since our last Gathering. While folks were getting settled I was able to go over a list of events, including our Christmas Party, Polar Bear Ride, & All Members Forum. With the Wings & Waves cruise filling the beginning of February we'll hold off on Chapter events until February 13th with our Chapter Dinner at Murray's in Cayce. Guys, don't forget Valentines Day on the 14th. Please take a look at the "Dates to Remember" and plan to get out with the Chapter. We covered some upcoming events coming down the road, but you need to get the word out early. We'd like to plan our Annual Chili Cookoff, TBA, the upcoming District led "Ride Around the State, March 22-24th, details TBA, Ride to Greenwood for the Blessing of the Bikes, March 17th, Safety Fair -April 27th, and planning our Chapters 7th Annual "Tour of Honor" Ride. So hopefully the Groundhog will predict an early end to winter so we can get the riding season underway. Let's not forget the beginning to EWMA Region A Rally's beginning in March with the Florida Rally, March 14 - 16 in Gainesville, Fla.



Whew! As the weather warms you can see our Fun schedule filling up. When breakfast arrived we all took a break to eat before resuming our meeting agenda, but moved into announcing Birthdays/Anniversary folks for December & January. Thanks Rick & Linda for the candy. Next up was the Quarter Jar with Kay Rickey being rewarded for her participation. Congrats Kay! Our Assistant Director, Bob Baum & Safety Ride Coordinator, Rich Kitko shared a few words before we closed the Gathering with our 50-25-25 award. Congrats to Mary Coral & Cindy Wood for collecting their bounty. The meeting was ended with a reminder that the February Gathering will again be at the same location on the fourth Saturday, February 24th. It was requested to attempt to change the March Gathering date to accommodate the District Ride. So with that, beginning in March we'll have our Gatherings on the second Saturday of the month at 9 am. Folks, let's dust off the bikes, get our gear together and plan to participate in the upcoming events.

Until Next Time.....

John & Cindy Wood



## Assistant Directors & Webmaster Bob and Donna Baum



I seem to say the same thing every February.... I'm sitting here looking out at a gloomy January day. It's cold, dark and raining. The excitement of the Holidays is behind us. Any sports I care to watch are over. Harrumph

I just want to ride. Only having the weekends, it's been kind-of challenging lately. It's either been raining, or butt numbing cold. The last time we were on the bike was for the Polar Bear ride on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

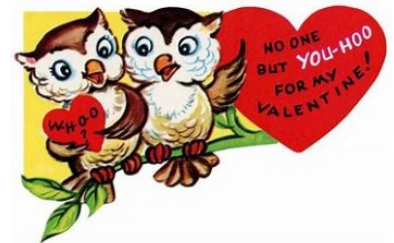
We did have the opportunity to see a few folks at our dinner at South Congaree House of Pizza on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the EWMA 2024 Kick off on the 20<sup>th</sup>. There was a lot of good information shared and some exciting things coming our way this year. Stay tuned to your email to find out what, where and when.

Coming up in February we have the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Wingers-N-Waves Caribbean cruise leaving on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We'll have our dinner rides on Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> at Murray's and 27<sup>th</sup> at Bellacino's in Irmo. Our February Gathering is on the 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Lizards Thicket on Augusta Hwy. We're trying something new so be sure to mark your calendars and come out to support our Chapter. All of this, plus any rides we can manage to squeeze in.

Sign-up is ongoing for this year's Tour of Honor ride at [tourofhonor.com](http://tourofhonor.com). I would encourage you to check out the website to see what it's all about. It's a very good cause and we'd love to have you ride along with us. You don't have to sign up online to ride with us and you can join us for all or part of the ride. Currently there are almost 800 riders signed up nationwide and 6 from Chapter P. We're planning on completing the ride sometime between April and June before it gets too hot. The sites aren't announced until April 1<sup>st</sup> so stay tuned for more information.

As always, if you have any ideas for rides or Tuesday dinners, please let us know.

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



### FOR SALE

2009 Bunkhouse Camper  
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Contact: Hawk Betts  
803-530-2190



## Ride & Safety Coordinator

Rich Kitko



### South Carolina EWMA Kickoff Event

On a very cold Saturday, January 20th, the EWMA members from South Carolina met at Lake Murray Community Center to make plans for the upcoming year. The District Team arrived early to get set up and prepare for members arrival. With coffee and donuts ready members started coming in from the cold. Turnout was better than expected with 61 members present with one motorcyclist riding there in the 20-degree weather.



The meeting started with talks from our National Officers Mike Melton and Don Weed then moved on to discussing rides. Several rides were proposed including a "Round the State ride" and a "North/South ride" as well as a "Picnic ride-in"

Next up was a discussion on the District Rally, National events and going over all the other Region A District events.

After a wonderful lunch of soup and sandwiches that was prepared and served by the District staff it was time to get back to business.



After lunch it was open discussion and Chapter Director talk. Also, a Chapter was welcomed back into the District. Chapter M from Greenwood has decided to become active again.



After all the business came the fun part, ticket giveaway and 50-25-25 with some happy winners. The day ended with everyone in a positive mood about the coming year.



Richard Kitko

EWMA Safety/Ride Coordinator

### FOR SALE

2010 Honda SH150i with CVT transmission. 7k miles,  
New tires, factory matching removable and lockable trunk.  
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**Price: \$1275.**

Contact Elvin Ventresco, 419-366-3984



Dates to Remember.....



February Black History Month-  
February 2- Ground Hog Day  
February 2 to 10/Wings & Waves Cruise  
February 13- Dinner Ride- Murray's  
February 14- Ash Wednesday  
February 14- Valentine's Day  
February 22 Retiree Ride- TBA  
February 24 -Chapter Gathering/Lizard's Thicket/0900  
February 26- Dinner Ride- Bellacinos in IRMO

March 9- Chapter Gathering—Lizard's Thicket/900  
March 14-16-Florida Rally/Gainesville, Fla  
March 17- St. Patrick's Day  
March 17- Blessing of the Bikes  
March 22-14-Ride Around the State

April 27- Safety Fair- Carolina Honda

May-4-5 Tour of Honor Ride—tentative

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 Ride



Tuesday, February 13- Murray's 2433 Charleston Hwy, Cayce 6:00 pm

Tuesday February 26- Bellacino's 1085 Lake Murray Blvd., IRMO 6:00 pm



- Orman Broadway 7
- Gabriel Mills 11
- Haley Mills 18
- Natanna Wright 22
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Drawing - \$ 250 Cash

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Riders Name		EWMA Member #	
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Street Address, City, State & Zip Code			
Phone #		Email Address	
Chapter	Chapter Position	District or Team EWMA Position	

I/We agree to hold harmless Florida District, co-sponsoring organizations and any property owners for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/we may become involved because of participation in this rally. I/we have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) below:

Date:	Signature	Signature	Is this your first-time attending the Florida Rally?	Yes	No
Member Registration	\$35	x			
Non-Member Registration	\$40	x			
Under 12 (Dinner on Thursday extra, See below)	Free	x			
<b>Sit Down Dinner - Thursday Night</b>	<b>\$30</b>	x			

\*\*\* Fully registered attendees only \*\*\*  
Dinner choices - Circle One for each attendee:  
Pineapple Searched Chicken, Searched Mahi Mahi, Manacotti w/ red sauce or spinach cream sauce (pick one)

<b>Ticket Sales</b>					
\$5,000 Raffle (Book of 10)	\$10	x			
Daily 50 / 50 Thursday (Strip of 10)	\$5	x			
Daily 50 / 50 Friday (Strip of 10)	\$5	x			
Grand 50 / 25 / 25 (Strip of 10)	\$5	x			
Grand Prize (Strip of 10)	\$5	x			
<b>PRE-ORDER ONLY SHIRT SALES</b>					
Polo Shirt	S	M	L	XL	\$22
Polo Shirt	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL		\$25
T-Shirt	S	M	L	XL	\$18
T-Shirt	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL		\$20
Long Sleeve	S	M	L	XL	\$20
Long Sleeve	XXL	XXXL	XXXXL		\$22

**Florida District Rally (March 14 -16, 2024)**  
Opens daily at 9:00am

**Florida District Directors**  
Bill & Cheryl Smith  
(561) 445-4270  
fldd2018@gmail.com

**FIRST AID/CPR CLASS OFFERED**  
Wednesday 03-13-2024 - 11am - 5pm  
Limit 20 people Must Be Fully Registered  
FL EWMA MEMBERS \$25 (returned upon completion)  
NON-FLORIDA EWMA MEMBERS \$35.00  
SEPARATE CHECKS NEEDED PAYABLE TO  
EWMA FL DISTRICT  
Contact Claudia Vega for availability  
561-722-0632 rvega19854@gmail.com

Preregistrations must be postmarked by March 1, 2024

No refunds after February 25, 2024.  
After March 1<sup>st</sup> Registration is \$5.00 higher

\$15 Day Passes will be sold onsite and are good for all events the day of purchase **except Thursday night dinner**

**Submit Registration Forms to:**

Geno & Kathie Jette  
114 Canis Dr E  
Orange Park, FL 32073

Make check or money order (US dollars only) payable to **EWMA Florida District**  
If you would like registration confirmation, please ensure you provide an email address

**Guided rides on Friday & Saturday**

Register by **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023**, for entry into Early Bird drawing to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing Ceremonies!

**Pre-Order Shirts** for entry into a drawing for a prize to be awarded to 1 lucky winner at Closing Ceremonies



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## *EWMA National Team*

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## *South Carolina District Officers*

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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 Mississippi Rally - Bilouxi, MS**



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