

# SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hello South Carolina,

As I sit here and write this article five military jets flew overhead and I can't help but think what turmoil and chaos this world is in. As I reflect on that I hope and pray that all of you and your families are doing well.

In spite of the weather I have been able to get out and enjoy a few short rides. I hope you have as well. I'm looking forward the coming months, together with our SRC (Safety Ride Coordinators) we have been working on some rides within the District that I believe will be interesting and I hope many of you will join us.

Our focus on 2024 is growing our district and our chapters; we believe that getting out and riding will do that. What better way to advertise our association than to proudly wear our Eagle Wings colors while we're out there riding those magnificent machines. I know just about every time I ride and stop somewhere, somebody will come up to me and start a conversation about my bike or ask me what is Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association. Most times either they ride or they know someone that rides; this is the perfect opportunity to hand them a card. I keep three or four in my wallet just for those occasions. If you don't have any of the EWMA recruiting cards talk to your chapter director or message me and I'll personally see that you get some.

We held our annual South Carolina Eagle Wings kick off on January 20th at the Lake Murray Community Center. There was lots of information and fun shared with all. If you couldn't attend just know we missed you and you missed a great opportunity to spend time with friends. The district team provided lunch and I have brag on them for the outstanding job they did. We had a variety of soups and I must say they were delicious and hit the spot on a 39 degree day.

The South Carolina Rally is just a few short months away. We are busy planning and working to make this a great time for all. You can visit our website at [ewmasc.org](http://ewmasc.org) to download a registration form. I would like to challenge every member to support our rally by buying one book of grand prize tickets.

Let's make 2024 a year to get out and visit; let's show our sister chapters some love.  
Ride safe my friends

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## **January 21st Kick Off: The Ride Continues**

Fun, Friends & Fellowship with a side of soup!





## Intersections

Intersections are some of the most dangerous places for motorcyclists. Be it a multi lane, two lane, one lane or just a driveway. We need to take extra precautions when approaching or moving through any intersection.

The worst is a vehicle turning left in front of a motorcycle, but any highway junction can be dangerous as with a vehicle pulling out of a blind driveway or a mall entrance.

A few strategies to make riding safer;

Watch the front tire, not the drivers face. This takes some practice but the front tire is more of an indication of movement. Is the driver looking at you or past you!

Lane position, move the cycle around in your lane to get the best view of driveways and approaching cars, and also to be seen better.

Always approach intersections with caution and expect the unexpected. Adjust speed and cover the brake and clutch.

When stopped at intersections do not pull too closely to a vehicle in front of you, give yourself an out and watch those mirrors for anything approaching.

Richard Kitko  
EWMA Safety/Ride Coordinator



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## THE WALK-AROUND

You don't have to pay much attention to the vehicles that surround you on the road to realize the large number of them that have lights that are not working. Dead bulbs and accident damage seem to be in epidemic proportions. This causes many safety concerns for us. The lack of brake lights could cause us to have an uncomfortably close encounter with the back of an SUV. A missing headlight makes it a lot harder to determine the distance of an oncoming car in the dark. Unfortunately, we do not have control over the condition of someone else's vehicle. All we can do is be constantly aware of our fellow road users.

We DO have control over the condition of our vehicles. Pilots do a "walk-around" of their planes prior to each flight to ensure that everything is in working order. I do the same thing before each ride on my motorcycle. It requires some stretching, gymnastics, or other creativity to check the brake lights on a Gold Wing, but it needs to be done. I've had 2 brake light switches go bad and have also had small pebbles jam up the footbrake switch at least once. Of course, there have been the usual burned out bulbs. If I hadn't been checking the brake lights, it may have led to an unwanted close encounter. We need to be seen from the front as well, to get the attention of those left turners. The halogen bulbs used in most motorcycles do not last forever. Remember, our bikes are a lot smaller than 4-wheel vehicles. Our light signature is an important method of compensating for this.

Adding additional lighting to our bikes has been popular for a long time. Low mounted lights in the front, and a high mounted brake light (such as on a spoiler) in the rear are my favorite additions. This creates a "triangle of light". Triangle patterns have a special impact on the visual cortex of the brain that helps get us noticed. That is why the high-mounted brake lights in cars are one single light fixture in the center of the vehicle and not any other arrangement.

Most of the a driver's sensory input is visual. Let's ensure that we are SEEN and NOT HURT.

Paul Wood  
EWMA SC District Motorcycle Awareness



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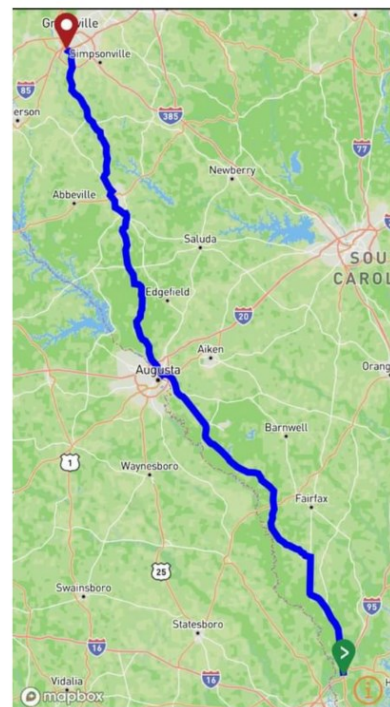


### Around the State Ride

Friday March 22nd, Kickstands up at 9 am from the QT 4535 Liberty Hwy, Anderson, SC. We will be heading up Hwy 178 to Hwy 11. The first leg of the trip is 75 miles away at the Circle K at 8998 SC 11, Campobello, SC. This is off Exit 5 on I-26 from 10:30 to 11 am if anyone would like to join us at this point. We will leave there on Hwy 11 to Hwy 29 up to Hwy 5 over to Hwy 901 around to the QT 1169 Anderson Rd, Rock Hill, SC. This is off Exit 77 of I-77 on Hwy 21 from 12:45 to 1:45 pm so that we hope to have more people join us there. From there we will be traveling Hwy 21, 521, 5 and Hwy 9 to the lodging in Dillon, SC. The Red Roof Inn or the Days Inn are across the street from each other so using the resources for hotels that are on the EWMA website you can get a discount for there. We should arrive around 5 pm. There are several places to eat (BC Steak and BBQ, Huddle House, etc.) that are walking distance from the hotel. Day 2 March 23rd, we will depart at 9 am heading down Hwy 9 to Hwy 31 around Myrtle Beach with a fuel stop when we get on Hwy 17 so if anyone would like to join us from this area that would be great. We should be there around 10:30 to 11 am. From there we will travel down to Charleston. I hope someone knows a great place to eat some lunch before getting on the only Interstate on our trip. We will travel I-526 to Hwy 17 with a fuel and stretch our legs for a bit before heading down to Hwy 21 over to Hwy 170 across the marsh to Hardeeville where the Red Roof Inn or Days Inn where we can stay. Again, use the discounts that are on the EWMA website to make your reservation. There are a few places to eat, so need to look around and help make some suggestions. Day3 March 24th, we plan to have kickstands up at 9 am and make the journey up Hwy 321, 3 over to 125 and stopping for lunch at the same place we rode to for the Polar Bear Ride, BJ's. From there we will head up to the upstate for the end of our wonderful trip and time together.

Thanks and ride safe!!!!

Jimmy Kruse



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## “Funship”

I recently I learned the word “Funship”. According to the Urban Dictionary, it means friends seeking mutually supportive fun. We definitely have “Funship” and “Friendships” in EWMA. This was more than obvious when we had our incredible “Kickoff” for 2024 at Lake Murray Community Center. What a great turnout of members. I was sitting at the “Pins and Patches” table and observed lots of hugs, handshakes, giggles and playfulness. What a sight to see! It is amazing how we never tire seeing friends who are kind, thoughtful and supportive. I shared on Saturday that my father always told my sister and I, “Many hands make light work.” This was so true on Saturday. It was great to see how many members asked how they could help or just jumped in, whatever needed. Thank you for the “funship”.

Susan Kruse  
Events Coordinator



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## Kickoff 2024

We just got through with the 2024 SC District Kickoff and we were pleasantly surprised with the outcome. Nine chapters and 61 members attended. New ideas for ride plans, festivals, and events were discussed. Mike Melton had plenty of information about the Headquarters Member Database. As always, he is just a phone call away if you have questions about [EWMA-world.org](http://EWMA-world.org).

Members laughed, socialized, got to meet new people or just caught up with each other. For such a brutally cold day, there was plenty of warmth inside the Lake Murray Community Center. The Kickoff was topped off by a hot lunch with six different kinds of homemade soups and freshly made sandwiches prepared by the Team. Some folks left with more money than they came with, thanks to winning some drawings. I think everyone left with a feeling that EWMA in South Carolina is on its way to a wonderful year.

The 9th Wingers-N-Waves Cruise is coming up soon. Someone told me yesterday that South Carolina has the largest group going in the Wingers-N-Waves group, so we should be having a great time. Maybe when the trip is over, the weather will be warmer and we can RIDE. Hope to see you soon,

Buddy & Kim Summer  
South Carolina Ambassadors

