

# SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

**JANUARY 2024**



Happy New Year to all! Seems like I just said that the other day, this year is gone by so fast, but as I reflect back on the year, it was a great year that was spent with some great friends. We are looking forward to an even better year. I hope you are as well.

We started it off with our annual polar bear ride hosted by Chapters P & S; they were gracious enough to invite the District to join them. If you were able to join us I thank you for your support. As I looked at Facebook I see that other chapters in our state were able to get out and enjoy their polar bear ride as well. After all that's what this organization is all about: Friends for fun, safety and riding.

January 20th we will hold our second annual kick off. Our ride continues and we hope you will join us. Your team has been working to come up with ideas for the new year. At the kickoff we will ask you for your ideas and opinions, so I hope you'll be there to join in, after all this is your district and we're here for you. The district will provide snacks and a lunch. We will have games and a 50/25/25. It starts at 10am at the Lake Murray Community Center in Lexington.

How many of you are going on the cruise in February? This will be the first cruise for Donna and I. We are excited that we will be enjoying it with our friends.

Ride safe and ride often.

Thank you.  
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**January 1st Polar Bear Ride**



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Hello South Carolina District

We hope everyone enjoyed the Holidays. Carla and I made it about the grandkids & putting a smile on their face which makes us happy.

Another favorite holiday of mine is New Years. It is almost like you get to start over. We had some good times in the District this past year and think we are heading for a great year as a District.

We are working on some ideas to get out and be seen more as a group and that will draw interest and maybe new members. Let's get together & ride in numbers and be seen and show the public who we are.

The District has a big kick off gathering on Saturday, January 20th. See the details in this newsletter, your chapter newsletter, and website. I encourage everyone to come out & see what we have planned for the year. There are good things ahead for South Carolina District but we would love to also hear from our members and get your input.

We look forward to seeing you at the kick off gathering and getting the year off to a great start. See you soon & be safe.

Thank you.

Michael and Carla Ammons  
Assistant Director of South Carolina EWMA



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## 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



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## Words From Our Treasurer

Happy New Year to everyone! We hope you had a great Holiday season and got everything you wished for.

Now I hope you are as excited about 2024 with Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association here in South Carolina as we are. The District Team has been working together planning what we will do for you in 2024.

We have been planning several things for this year which we will discuss with everyone at the Kickoff meeting on January 20th in Lexington SC. This is your opportunity to let us know what you would like to see of the District and give us your opinions.

**The 2023 Chapter Financial Reports will also be due to me at the meeting.** You will need to bring the completed report along with the Cover Sheet when you come. I will also be there to answer any questions you may have. If you are not able to attend the Kickoff, please either send your report with your Chapter Director or mail the completed Reports to me no later than January 15th so I will have them to review with your Chapter Director. Just in case someone does not have the Report & Cover Form there are blank forms on the District website under Forms/Guides.

As always, if you have any questions please call or email me and I will be happy to help! We hope everyone will join us and let us know what you would like the district to do for you this year.

Until next time!

Mary & Mike Coral  
SC District Treasurer  
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## Words From Our Ride & Safety Coordinator

Hope everyone has had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! Now, it's time to start thinking about riding. This year I would like to get more people out riding. So with that being said, the first big ride is an around the state ride. It will be a two to three day ride. I am working on all the details and hope to have them out by the end of January. I have heard several talking about this idea of a ride. Knowing that not everyone wants to ride the whole trip I am planning stops along the way that you can join the journey and ride as far as you would like. This is going to take place in the last part of March or April. I also planning a border to border ride one will be a true north to south ride and an east to west ride this will be in late summer. Please let me know if you have any great places you would like to stop at to eat or visit @ [kruse199@hotmail.com](mailto:kruse199@hotmail.com) . I would like to challenge each chapter to plan on joining us. I also would like each chapter to plan a ride around your area and make the route look like a tree, heart, circle, or something like that. Please post on the district facebook page so others can join in.

Thanks and ride safe!!!!

Jimmy Kruse

## Happy 2024!

As the holiday season comes to a close, we welcome in the New Year!

There are a number of fun and exciting events planned for this year. We hope you will join the EWMA family in connecting with folks who have a love of riding. This means 2, 3, or 4 wheels. We welcome everyone to join us.

We hope this new year brings old and new friends together.

Hoping to see everyone at the January Kickoff!

Susan Kruse

Events Coordinator



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## Welcome 2024

On New Year's Day we joined our chapter members, other chapters, and visitors on a cold ride to North Augusta to fellowship, eat, and start 2024 off right by doing our favorite hobby, riding. It was what we had been missing the last few months. Between traveling, campground hosting, and health issues, our riding time was put on the back burner. Riding on a beautiful, sunny day was what we needed to gain that zest for life again, plus seeing our riding buddies was just what the doctor ordered!

Buddy and I are so looking forward to 2024 and joining our pals at rallies, festivals, and scenic locations throughout Region A. Hopefully next week, we'll start making plans, reserving motels and sending off registrations to rallies for this year. I can't wait for the fun and we hope you will join us.

Looking forward to a wonderful, happy New Year.

Buddy & Kim Summer  
South Carolina Ambassadors

