



## SPARKLE CITY WINGS GAZETTE



**SPARKLE CITY WINGS** Gathers on the First **Tuesday** of the Month

Eat at 6:00 PM, Meet at 7:00PM at the GRAPEVINE Restaurant

1926 Boiling Springs Road, Boiling Springs, SC 29316

North from I-85 on Hwy. 9 across from Capri's and Willy Taco restaurants



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The logo for EWMA (Eastern Woodlands Motorcyclists Association) is displayed in a blue rectangular box with a black border. The letters 'EWMA' are written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font.

## EDITORS PAGE



Well, the SC District Rally is behind us now. This was only a 2 day event, next year same Bat Time, same Bat channel in Newberry but for a 3 day event! Flyers are out now, check the EWMA SC website, I will print several copies to pass along. I think everyone that attended had a good time, it was nice to visit with friends that I have not seen in a while. Fresh rides , games and ideas are already in the works to provide you with fun entertainment.

As EWMA continues to grow, there should be more benefits, ride ideas, fun to come.

The “Recruiting Rockstar Challenge” is and has been in effect. From January 1st to December 31st is your chance to win 1, 2 3 years FREE membership in EWMA !! We’ve made recruiting simple: You can obtain materials through your Region or District Director

Don’t miss this opportunity to show off your recruiting skills and win one of the prizes.

June 20th marks the first day of summer, did we have a spring? Time moves too quickly.

Ride safe, Ride often,



**Chapter K's Sparkle City Wings**

**Kevin and Mary Brown**

# Trip to Mayberry Diner



## TAKE A COUPLE OF MINUTES BEFORE YOU HIT THE ROAD

### CHECK STUFF OUT TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE

- **Tires and wheels (T):** Check for obvious issues like flat tires, bent spokes, and cracked rims. Also look for less visible issues. Check your air pressure (especially in colder weather) and be sure your brake pads are in good condition and can each stop wheels from rolling on their own.
- **Controls (C):** It may sound obvious, but it's impossible to be a safe rider if you can't control your vehicle. Make sure:
  - Your handlebars are straight and turn freely
  - Your levers and pedals are in good condition and well-lubricated
  - Your cables and hoses don't have frays, cracks, kinks, or leaks
  - Your throttle moves freely and snaps closed
- **Lights and electronics (L):** Verify that your headlight, tail light, and brake lights are intact and bright, that your turn signals are operating correctly, and that all exposed wiring is clean, snug, and not fraying. Take this opportunity to adjust your mirrors and reflectors and ensure they're clean and intact.
- **Oil and other fluids (O):** There are five fluids that you should check: engine oil, gear oil, hydraulic fluid, coolant, and fuel. When you check these five fluids, verify not only that they're at the appropriate levels, but that the hoses are free from leaks and cracks.
- **Chassis (C):** Check that the frame is straight and not cracked, the suspension is smooth and lubricated, the chain or belt is securely mounted, and all the nuts and bolts are secure.
- **Stands (S):** Finally, confirm both the center and side stands are straight and secure. Your stands should have enough tension to stay in position while also springing into place when you're ready to use them.



# BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH

**Ken Taylor 6/6**

**Charlie Cook 6/24**



# ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE MONTH

**Steve & Darlene Haire 6/15**

**Mike & Janetta Riffenburg 6/17**



Let's all give a big shout out to everyone celebrating their special day!!  
If anyone was missed give a holler to be sure they are put on the list!!

# IS YOUR APPAREL READY TO HELP TAKE CARE OF YOU?

## THEN TAKE CARE OF YOUR APPAREL SO IT CAN CONTINUE WORK FOR YOU!

With just a bit of TLC, that you put into your riding gear, can extend it's life (and possibly your own) but keeping it maintained can provide you it's maximum protection. Before you begin to clean ANY of your apparel, be sure to read all manufacture's labels.

Let's start head to toe beginning with your helmet.

**Exterior:** Wipe down the outer shell with mild soap and water on a soft cloth. Caked on dirt and bug residue, leave a damp cloth until debris is loosened. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SCRAPE AGGRESSIVELY as this can scratch the surface. Dry with a soft dry cloth, even paper towels can scratch.

**Interior:** After a few hot summer rides, the interior can get pretty ripe!! Every now and then you will have to wash them out. Most interior parts of a helmet can snap out or pull loose from Velcro, once out hand wash these with mild soap and water, try not to soak the padding. Rinse with cold water, blot as much as possible and let dry. DO NOT use heat as it may distort the shape of the foam. After each ride, be sure your helmet can breathe. There are spray products to help the funk in between washings.

**Vent Systems:** Many helmets have airflow systems. These vents can often get plugged up with bugs, dirt and other debris. Gently pick or brush out what you can. From the inside you may be able to use an air compressor, remove any interior padding you can to get in there with compressed air.

**Face shields:** Best bet—simply use a clean, warm soft cloth. Soak off caked and baked on debris. Avoid hard rubbing and paper towels as you may scratch your shield. Plastic polish may help to remove fine scratches.

**Moving Parts:** Check your lifting visors where they picot. DO NOT over tighten the screw(s)

**Retention System:** Check your chinstrap for frays or broken stitching. A helmet that won't stay on your knot is worthless.





## First ride of June



Billy Leon McCrary (1946-79) and Benny Loyd McCrary (1946-2001) were two of the most iconic record holders to ever exist.

Billy tipped the scales at 743 lb (337 kg) and Benny weighed 723 lb (328 kg), making them the world's **heaviest twins**.

The pair were born prematurely on 7 December 1946, weighing an unremarkable 5 lb (2.2 kg) each. However, from the age of four, they started piling on the pounds.

Their extraordinary weight gain was not caused by overeating though; it began after they contracted rubella, damaging their pituitary glands – the part of the brain that regulates growth.

The twins' parents sought to resolve the problem by buying and moving to a farm, hoping the increased physical activity would halt their children's weight gain. They also put the twins on a strict diet of 1,000 calories per day, however, Billy and Benny kept getting heavier.

Even as adults, Billy revealed that he and his brother ate no more than the average person. "People think we eat all the time," he told *Greensboro News and Record* in 1976. "But I'll usually have two eggs and some bacon and toast and a glass of juice. Then in the afternoon, I'll have a sandwich or something, and at night we eat a normal size dinner."

By the age of 10, the twins each weighed 200 lb (90 kg), and after dropping out of high school aged 16, they weighed around 500 lb (226 kg).

They continued working on their father's farm, using minibikes to complete their chores.

"Let's face it, what other kind of work could we do?" Billy said.

They got their start in show business after riding their bikes in a parade in their hometown of Hendersonville, North Carolina, where they were spotted and asked to make appearances at motorcycle shops around the state.

It was during one of these trips, in Greensboro, where a *Daily News* photographer named John Page took a picture of them, which later ended up being published in *Life* magazine.

Billy and Benny began receiving various show business offers, and within a few weeks they were performing a night club act in a Las Vegas casino. They played the trumpet, told jokes, and appeared on stage alongside a 400 lb go-go dancer named TeeVee Mama.

It was around this time that the twins were featured in *Guinness Book of Records 1970*, propelling them to international fame.

The twins made their professional wrestling debuts a year later, in 1971.



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**Singer Jerry Reed once sang a song : When you're hot, you're hot!**

### **Unfortunately he wasn't singing about riding your bike in the summer heat**

Hot summer riding is not impossible, but you'll want special equipment, maintenance and operator readiness. Read these tips and bits of information for you and co-rider, your machine and the hot summer riding environment:

1. Carry and drink plenty of water. Start drinking before you ride, keep drinking as you ride. If you don't need to void liquid every few hours, you're dehydrating. Sip, sip all day.
2. Avoid caffeine like coffee and cola. If your mouth is dry, you're dehydrated.
3. Wear vented, full coverage clothing. Exposed skin wicks away vital moisture.
4. If possible have damp collars, spray bottles, etc
5. Time your riding. Avoid riding during the hottest times of the day
6. Take breaks. Make use of those air conditioned spaces to cool off
7. Wear a well vented helmet, they are there for a reason. Use them!
8. Air wings and windshield vents can really increase air flow
9. Ride back roads as there is usually more vegetation—translation= more shade

### **HELP YOUR MACHINE BY CHECKING ALL FLUIDS, AIR PRESSURES, FILTERS, ETC..**

1. Check your bikes coolant—often over looked. Be sure it is where it needs to be, learn how to check it, replace it or add to it
2. How long has it been since you checked or changed your air filter? Maybe now?
3. High temps can cause a good fully charged battery to discharge more in extreme heat.
4. High temperature road ways can wear tire faster than normally. Check out the tread and pressures before heading out for a long hot ride
5. Check your tire pressures BEFORE heading out, cold (before a days riding) best to check pressures.
6. Consider changing scratched windscreens and/or helmet visors. Scratches on either can add to the stress when looking through the scratches
7. Watch where you strap on extra water, the extra weight can throw you off



# TIPS FOR THE **HOT** SUMMER RIDING ENVIROMENT

1. Paving sealants or Tar Snakes can become slippery when hot. Try to cross them at 45 degree angle when possible. Watch for steel paving plates, coolant or oil spills at inter-sections can be abundant in the summer
2. Look out for all the summer road construction, slow down
3. Keep your windshield and helmet visor clean from all the summer bugs
4. Critters are crossing the pavement everywhere. Dead or alive they can be treacherous
5. School is out in the summer **WATCH OUT FOR THE KIDDOES**
6. With the air conditioner on, the windows rolled up, maybe the loud music from a radio and you may not be seen as good as usual (not that that's saying much)
7. Use sun block to protect yourself from burn on any exposed skin
8. Wear cooling scarves or cooling vests when possible
9. Know the dangers of dehydration, heat exhaustion and heat stroke on you, your co-rider and fellow riders

**Dehydration:** your body is losing water and salts faster than you can replenish them

**Symptoms:** thirst, dry and warm skin, cramping, weakness, headache, dry mouth, dizzy

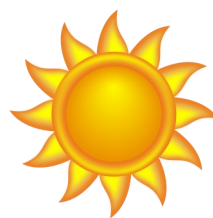
**Treatment:** Stop riding, seek A/C or shade. Drink additional water or sports drinks. Rest until you feel restored, this may take awhile, but it's better for you

**Heat Exhaustion:** Caused by the large amounts of fluid loss. **DANGER DANGER**, heat exhaustion can progress to a stroke!

**Symptoms:** Sweaty, clammy skin, pale skin, vomiting or lack of consciousness

**Treatment:** Call 911. Replenish body with sports drinks. Apply cool compresses. This usually revives the patient

**DO NOT** risk ANY ride if it causes you to get sick let alone death.



## JOKES OF THE MONTH (Groan now or forever hold your peace)

A child asked his father, "How were people born?" So his father said, "Adam and Eve made babies, then their babies became adults and made babies, and so on." The child then went to his mother, asked her the same question and she told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his father and said, "You lied to me!" His father replied, "No, your mom was talking about her side of the family."

Q: Is Google male or female? A: Female, because it doesn't let you finish a sentence before making a suggestion.

A teacher asked her students to use the word "beans" in a sentence. "My father grows beans," said one girl. "My mother cooks beans," said a boy. A third student spoke up, "We are all human beans."

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high. She seemed surprised.

A bear walks into a restaurant and says, "I want a grilled... cheese." The waiter says "Why the big pause?"

The bear replies, "I don't know. I was born with them."

A man is walking in the desert with his horse and his dog when the dog says, "I can't do this. I need water." The man says, "I didn't know dogs could talk."

The horse says, "Me neither!"

What did the green grape say to the purple grape?

OMG!!!!!!! BREATHE!! BREATHEEEEE!!!!!!

# DATES TO REMEMBER

**Georgia / Region A Ride-In Dillard, GA**

June 13—15, 2024

**Alabama District Rally - Sheffield, AL**

June 27-29, 2024

**2024 EWMA Rendezvous - Green Bay, WI**

August 28-Sept 2, 2024

**North Carolina Rally—Jefferson, NC**

Sept 22-23, 2024

**MS District Rally—Biloxi,, MS**

Oct 24-26, 2024

**Chapter K next gathering**

**JUNE 4th**

May 25, 2024



Spring Picnic at Cowpens National Battlegrounds



## INCREASED MOTORCYCLE RIDER FATALITIES

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) released its most recent report that shows an increase in motorcycle rider fatalities. According to the NHTSA Motorcycle Safety website (<https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/motorcycles>), 5,932 motorcyclists were killed in 2021 alone. This number doubled the deadliest terrorist attacks in history on September 11, 2001. The grim statistic also represents a 7.7% increase over the previous year, which is 14% of all traffic fatalities of any kind; and it's also the highest number of motorcyclists killed in one year since 1975!

Riding while intoxicated accounted for 29% of all riders killed in 2021, which is 19% higher than the year before. Riders without a valid motorcycle license accounted for 36% of motorcycle fatalities. Speeding-related fatalities went up by 7.9%.

The good news is that you're probably exempt from these statistics, simply because of your interest in reading this type of content. One that's harder to escape from though—is the number of fatalities caused by distracted drivers, which increased by 12%. And even when they're not driving distracted, the greatest risk to motorcycle riders in an accident involving another vehicle is when they don't see us, and they cross our path. Here are a few tips that will help us to stay safer and ride longer.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people". ([Luke 2:10](#))

#1. BE VISIBLE: Wear brightly colored riding gear. Avoid riding in the blind spots of other traffic. When you can, flash your brake light when you slow down or stop. (Sue and I each wear a Brake Free helmet light that flashes when we stop.)

#2. BELIEVE YOU'RE INVISIBLE: You'll develop a higher awareness of your environment, and you'll notice more detail in your surroundings.

#3. GEAR UP FOR EVERY RIDE: Wear good motorcycle riding gear from head to toe. It's made of abrasion-resistant material, and it will provide more comfort and protection than riding without it.





#4. FOLLOW THE RULES OF THE ROAD: Ride respectfully, and legally—creating a safer environment for everyone.

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance. (1 Peter 1:14)

#5. CHECK YOUR BIKE: Do a pre-ride check, which includes looking over your tires and wheels, checking fluids, cables, your bike's chassis, lights and electronics, and the stands. Use a "T-CLOCS inspection checklist" to help you.

Even if rider fatalities were not on the rise, and if riding wasn't getting riskier—"tomorrow" isn't promised to anyone. What is promised is that one day, every one of us will "meet our Maker". The suggestions above are to help you ride more safely, but are you prepared for your final destination, which is inevitable, regardless of what you do?

The solution is so simple that a child can understand, and in God's eyes, we're all children.

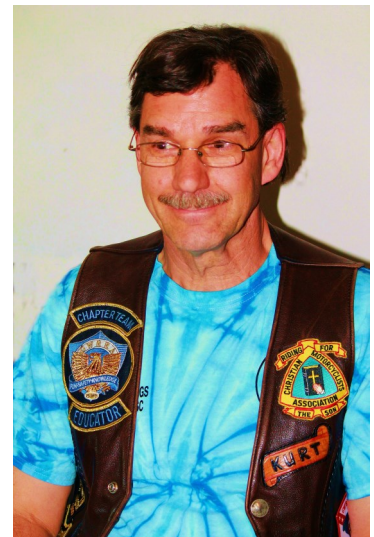
#1- Confess to God that you are a sinner deserving of judgment. (Romans 3:23 and 6:23)

#2- Believe in your heart that Christ died for your sins, and that three days later, He rose from the dead. (Romans 10:9-10)

#3- Now just pray this simple prayer: Lord Jesus, I am a sinner in need of the salvation that You freely offer. I believe You died to pay the price in full for all my sins, and that You then rose from the dead. I'm asking You to save me and to give me a new life in You. Thank You. Amen. (Romans 10:13)

"... I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live..." (John 11:25)

**AVOID**



# SC EWMA CHAPTERS INFO

**Chapter SC-A “Electric City Wings”** Karen Higgins Chapter Director

Meets 1st Thursday each month 6:00PM @Carsons Steakhouse

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**Chapter SC-C “Tri-County Wings”** Kevin Thornton Chapter Director

“Lunch with Larry” on 1st Saturday each month @ 11:00 AM (ktscouter@comcast.net)

Locations change monthly, please check SC EWMA website before attending

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**Chapter SC-F “F-Troop”** Eugene & Rene Dent Chapter Directors

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**Chapter SC-G “Palmetto Riders”** Paul & Suzette Wood Chapter Directors

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**Chapter-SC-H “Catawba Wings”** William (Bill) & Joy Hurin Chapter Directors

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**Chapter SC-J “Grand Strand Riders”** Melissa Timbs Chapter Director

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**YOU'LL LIVE LONG AND PROSPER**



**BUT ONLY IF YOU DRIVE SAFELY**



Come on Granny, Chapter K is meeting up for a ride!