

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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This month has been a hot one and very uncomfortable for riding, but even with the high temperatures I see a lot of activity going on in the state. Chapters are getting out there and braving this heat. If you're one of those that is out riding I hope you are staying hydrated.

Donna and I were able to attend the Georgia/ Region A Rally in Dillard Ga. We had a good time and lots of laughs. The best part of any rally for us is visiting with friends that we only see a few times a year, usually only at the rallies. Donna also attended the Alabama rally. I had to work so I was unable to attend, so Donna went with a couple of her friends and they made a girls weekend out of it.

With only two rallies left in region A (Mississippi and North Carolina) I hope to see some of you there. We also have our Second Annual Rendezvous in Green Bay, Wisconsin. If you haven't already registered now is the time, I heard there are still rooms left so take advantage of this time and get yours reserved.

The next District event will be October 10th at Santee State Park. Saturday the 10th is the day of the picnic; some of us will be there from the 9th thru the 12th camping. If you would like to camp you can make your reservations for the Cypress View Campground. If you don't camp and would like to hang out, they have cabins (they usually go fast so you might want to call now) or you can drop in any day for a visit, we would love to see you there.

On July 27th Don and Rhonda Weed will be holding a HSI First Aid/ CPR Class near Taylors SC; we will have an address for you soon. If you are interested in attending please let either Don or Rhonda know and they can assist you with more details.

Ride safe my friends,

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Trailer Safety Tips

Summer travel time is here, and many will be traveling while pulling a trailer. Whether it is with two, three, or four wheels the basics are the same. Here are a few things to think about before you head out.

Safety chains are required in South Carolina and all other states. The main purpose is to keep trailers attached to tow vehicle in case of hitch failure so trailer does not come loose and injure other road users, not to keep hitch from falling on the road. Chains must be crossed and not too long. Twisting chains to make them shorter puts a twisting stress on the chain and may cause it to fail if needed. I have seen small utility trailers improperly chained. Don't be that guy!

The hitch ball is another thing to pay attention to. There is an adjustment on the trailer hitch underneath called the clamp shoe that will take up the slack in the ball connection. Be sure to check the fit and to also keep the ball lubed. Don't like a greasy ball, an empty aluminum beverage can with the top removed makes a good cover.

Be sure to keep trailer lights and signals in good working order. Even on a small motorcycle trailer other drivers may not be looking at the tow vehicle signals but watching the trailer signals.

Tongue weight is also a safety consideration. Numbers vary as to how much weight should be on the hitch but 10 - 15% is common. Most motorcycle trailer/campers weigh in anywhere from 400 to 500 pounds. It is a good idea to get it weighed if there is a scale available. I use an inexpensive luggage scale for the motorcycle trailer to get the tongue weight. It is also a good idea to weigh an RV camper, just stop in at a truck stop and use the "CAT" scale. It may be a surprise how much it actually weighs.

If you pull a trailer be sure to do so safely.

Richard Kitko
Safety/Ride Coordinator
EWMA South Carolina



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Hello to all in South Carolina District.

We have a lot going on within our chapters. Some chapters are getting more riding in than others and that's ok. I hope if you are getting to ride you are taking care in this heat.

I wanted to encourage every member of our District to be looking at all rides that are being posted by the chapters. If you are free and can go riding, but your chapter does not have a ride planned then check the other chapters and if they have a ride planned join in with them. Don't miss out riding. As a member of EWMA you are a member of any chapter in the country. You are not restricted to just riding with your Chapter.

Get out there and ride. Be safe.

Thanks.

Michael and Carla Ammons, Assistant Director of South Carolina.



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It's Hot

Well I think summer is here!

Staying hydrated is paramount during scorching weather. Before you embark on your journey, ensure you are well-hydrated and bring along a refillable water bottle to drink from during stops. Dehydration can lead to dizziness, fatigue, and impaired concentration, which can be hazardous on the road. Remember to take regular breaks in shaded areas and consume water or hydrating drinks to maintain your energy levels and focus.

Motorcycle Wind Chill Chart

This chart mainly for the Summer times ...

Ever Wonder What The Temperature Is At Riding Speeds...

Riding Speed (mph)	Air Temperature (degrees F)															
	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	
5	27	32	37	43	48	53	58	64	69	74	79	85	90	95	100	
10	16	22	28	34	40	47	53	59	65	71	77	84	90	96	102	
15	9	15	22	29	36	42	49	56	63	69	76	83	90	96	103	
20	4	11	18	25	32	39	47	54	61	68	75	82	89	97	104	
25	0	8	15	22	30	37	45	52	60	67	74	82	89	97	104	
30	-3	5	13	20	28	36	43	51	59	66	74	82	89	97	105	
35	-5	3	11	19	27	35	42	50	58	66	74	81	89	97	105	
40	-6	2	10	18	26	34	42	50	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
45	-7	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
50	-7	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
55	-8	0	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
60	-8	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	
65	-9	1	9	17	25	33	41	49	57	65	73	81	89	97	105	

Make sure in to check on your group during your ride to make sure that everyone is safe and staying hydrated. Ride safe and have fun.

Jimmy Kruse
District Safety Ride Coordinator



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“Stepping Outside Our Comfort Zone”

We seem to hear this phrase often, “step outside your comfort zone”. It is defined as “feeling tested”. By nature, a lot of us don’t feel we want to be tested or be out of our comfort zone. I have learned that EWMA has provided a number of opportunities to step outside my comfort zone. This has come in the form of traveling to destinations that I have never visited. As well, it has been meeting new friends and learning their stories and sharing experiences.

Sometimes testing ourselves can be the best way to learn about ourselves and the friends around us.

EWMA is a great place to grow your community of friends and create a family that will support and encourage you.

So, take the challenge to “step outside your comfort zone” and find the adventures along the way.

Susan Kruse
Events Coordinator

