

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Can hardly believe it's November already; time sure has gone by.

October was a busy month for us. With the District Picnic being a success we have already set the dates for next year. October 11, 2025 will be the date of the picnic. If you wish to camp you should be making your reservations now. These sites go fast and the cabins go even faster. I encourage everyone to join in on the fun.

We would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. There is so much we are thankful for and have each of you as our friends (more like family) is on top of the list.

This is the time of year that we show our true colors; we bikers are some of the most giving individuals in America. We donate our time and our money to those less fortunate. Many of us will be doing toy runs and Veterans Parades. Whatever you do, we appreciate you and we pray that you stay safe.

As I read over the other articles in this newsletter, I swell up with pride knowing we have such a caring district and region. Everyone of you should be proud to know you are part of a great organization that truly cares for one another. I know I am.

As always, Donna and I are here for you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us. I know the District Team feels the same.

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Antique Ride

Hurricane Helene came through and postponed the G.A.S. Vintage Motofest to later in the month, October 19th. It was already on our ride calendar so it was time to go check it out.

Saturday was a bit chilly but three riders and one passenger met at the usual gas station with two riders added en-route. The bike meet was in the town of Piedmont, SC in the upstate.

After meeting the last rider in Saluda we took scenic back roads through the countryside. It was a beautiful day to ride, finally finding our way to the show. This meet was a one day antique bike show and not a rally. It was held at an old mill building beside the Saluda River. If you enjoy old motorcycles this show was the place to be.

Oogling shiny old motorcycles worked up an appetite so we set off to find something to eat. A restaurant named "The Clock" was recommend so we set off to find it, only to find out there is more than one! The closest one was selected and off we went again.

After lunch we headed to Newberry to meet up with EWMA Chapter S who had a booth set up at the Newberry Oktoberfest. A walk around the festival and a few words with our District director and it was time to head home. It was a long day of riding with 360 miles.

Richard Kitko
EWMA Safety/Ride Coordinator



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Hello all,

I hope everyone is doing well. We all had a setback with the storm. Some people are still cleaning up. Keep those in North Carolina in your prayers.

I really don't have a lot to say other than everyone be safe. If you are lucky and can get out and ride.

Thanks,
Michael Ammons.



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Hope everyone made it through the hurricane ok. We had several trees down and a few on the house nothing major. I am tired of running a chainsaw but have plenty of firewood now.

Let's talk about motorcycles and things to do. This is the time for toy runs and ride to help people in need. Please if you go on any of these be real careful. Things are winding down for the year and chapters having get Christmas parties please think about helping other chapters that are struggling please encourage them and your own chapter to help growth. The storm strengthened my view about EWMA. Friends that I have made through being in the group have called and even helped us clean up. I use this saying many of time "Friends helping Friends ". So if someone ask what do I get for being a member the best thing to say is friend that will help in troubling times. It may only be a phone call to check on you but it is Friends helping Friends. Thanks for the prayers that were sent, the phone calls that were made, and the help that was given. Until next month be safe and enjoy the leaves on your rides.

Jimmy Kruse
Assistant Director of South Carolina



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“ Family of Friends ”

I have reflected recently on the initial kickoff events when EWMA was “taking off”. Folks asked repeatedly, “ What do we get with our membership ?”

I would like to say that we have gotten so much more than we ever expected!

Over the past couple of years , we have met some amazing people. However, most recently, with the Helene destruction and damage , we were surrounded by people from all over South Carolina.

We had EWMA members from the coast, midlands and upstate offer to bring chainsaws, ladders, meals, generators to our home. We felt an incredible outpouring of kindness that we would have never imagined.

So, if someone asks, “ What do I get with an EWMA membership?”, the answer is simple. You get a “family of friends”. “Thank you” doesn’t do the acts of kindness justice.

Susan Kruse
Events Coordinator

