



November 2024 Newsletter



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Saturday, November 9, 2024

Lizard's Thicket

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The Chapter That Rides...

CHAPTER DIRECTORS JOHN & CINDY WOOD



As we close out the month of October and enter into the holiday season I must say we've had some pretty good riding weather since the hurricane. Hopefully, everyone survived the storm with minimal interference in their normal activities. The Chapter has been able to get out and ride, enjoy our Annual District Picnic, visit memorial sites, The Wall That Heals, and attend Vintage Motorcycle Shows coupled with two Chapter Dinners, and Retiree Rides. A pretty busy month, we hope you had a chance to participate in some of them. As we move into November we'll begin with the 22nd Annual Veterans Day Parade on November 3rd beginning at 3:30 pm. We'll meet at 2 pm on Butler Ave. I'm hoping Chapter P can continue the tradition of carrying the US, POW/MIA flags plus the service flags in the parade. Don't forget about daylight savings time Sunday night. Remember to fall back one hour. Voting Day is Tuesday, November 5th, get out and cast your votes! Veterans Day will be on November 11th, so there will be a parade in downtown Columbia along with restaurants offering meals for Veterans. We will resume our meetings on November 9th at the Lizards Thicket with breakfast at 9 am. With Thanksgiving at the end of the month we'll enjoy one Chapter Dinner on November 19th at the Firehouse Subs in Irmo beginning at 6 pm. I haven't nailed down a date/location for a Retiree Ride, but keep an eye on the Calendar and email. Again, with the Thanksgiving Holiday the Chapter events may step back. Now, the beginning of December will begin with the 40th Year of the Toys for Tots on December 1st. The plan is to take a Chapter Ride and stop by the drop off point ahead of the main group, or you may opt to ride with the group. See the flyer for more details. The following weekend, December 7th we will host the Chapter P Christmas Dinner with special entertainment of music by the "Last Chance Band". Dinner catered by Shealy's and dinner followed by the traditional Gift Exchange. See the attached flyer for details. Members must sign up and pay by November 30th so we can provide a meal count to the caterer. The following day, December 8th is the 24th Annual Vet's Ride to the Dorn VA Hospital. The plan is to carry all the flags this year, so we'll need help with this beginning @ 10 am. I would like to have a ride/breakfast on December 14th, our normal meeting date, but we can discuss this at our November Gathering. The Wreaths Across America Ceremony is also on the 14th. We'll only have one Chapter Dinner in December. We'll be looking at a Polar Bear Ride for New Years Day, more info to follow. The holiday season is always a busy time and scheduling between functions and family can be difficult at times. We hope you can make some of the events. Keep an eye on the District Calendar.

***** **If interested in serving as Chapter Director, please get with me.** *****

We have a vacant Staff Position - Assistant Safety/Ride Coordinator. If interested let Rich Kitko. The Lexington Area Wings, Chapter P has been around since April 1997. Let's keep it going!

Until Next Time.....

John & Cindy



THE POW/MIA TABLE
A Place Setting For One, A Table For All

The tradition of setting a separate table in honor of our prisoners of war and missing comrades has been in place since the end of the Vietnam War. The manner in which this table is decorated is full of special symbols to help us remember our brothers and sisters in arms.

The POW/MIA table is separate from the others and can be set for one to four place settings to represent each service participating in the event.

- The table is smaller than the others**
symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his or her oppressors.
- The white tablecloth**
draped over the table represents the purity of their response to our country's call to arms.
- The empty chair**
depicts an unknown face, representing no specific Soldier, Sailor, Airman, or Marine, but all who are not here with us.
- The round table**
shows that our concern for them is never ending.
- The Bible**
represents faith in a higher power and the pledge to our country, founded as one nation under God.
- The black napkin**
stands for the emptiness these warriors have left in the hearts of their families and friends. A Purple Heart medal can be pinned to the napkin.
- The single red rose**
reminds us of their families and loved ones. The red ribbon represents the love of our country, which inspired them to answer the nation's call.
- The yellow candle and its ribbon**
symbolize the everlasting hope for a joyous reunion with those yet accounted for.
- The slices of lemon**
on the bread plate remind us of their bitter fate.
- The salt upon the bread plate**
represent the tears of their families.
- The inverted wine glass**
reminds us that our distinguished comrades cannot be with us to drink a toast or join in the festivities of the evening.

Source: DPMH/2011/1702/24
and DPMH/2011/1702/24

Past Events in October

Texas Roadhouse Ride - Homes for Troops



Chapter Dinners-South Congaree House of Pizza-Diablo's



Chapter Ride to visit The Wall That Heals-Ridgeville, SC



District Picnic- Santee State Park



Vintage Motorcycle Show-Piedmont, SC & Chapter S Visit in Newberry



Retiree Ride-Midway BBQ-Buffalo, SC



Ride & Safety Coordinator Rich Kitko

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" restaurant was recommended 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

CHAPTER P



CHRISTMAS DINNER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2024
From 5 pm to 8 pm

Lake Murray Community Center
1003 St. Peters Rd. Lexington

Cost: Members: \$10 per person/\$20 per couple

Catered by Shealy's BBQ



Bluegrass Music
As entertainment
"Last Chance Band"
From 5:45 to 6:45

Traditional Gift Exchange

Mail Payment to
Jean Kitko
116 River Run Road, Irmo SC 29063
Or sign up/pay at Chapter Events

Need final count NLT Nov. 30th.

We will be having our traditional Gift Exchange. Gifts between \$15-20. There will be a Ladies and a Gentlemen's table to separate the gifts. When selecting your gift consider "Is this something I would like to receive?" Looking forward to another exciting evening of gift stealing, oohs and aahs and fun!

Assistant Directors & Webmaster Bob and Donna Baum



We finally got out on the bike! Woo hoo! A handful of us braved the chilly weather on the 19th and headed up to Piedmont for the Antique Bike Show. We stopped for lunch at The Original Clock Restaurant and then in Newberry for a walk around their Octoberfest. It was a beautiful 250-mile day!

Until we got home. Donna was fine, but I was having trouble. I could hardly get off the bike. A whole day of pushing a 900+ pound bike around after not riding for so long was a mistake. We have taken several bike trips well over 250 miles. In May, we did the Tour of Honor, almost 800 miles in two days. June, we did 1750 in a week! However, we haven't ridden more than 50 or 75 miles in one stretch since, and I paid for it.

So, let's talk about conditioning.

Of course, riding more often is one way to condition your body for a long ride. But what if you haven't been able to do that? The simple answer is exercise. Pull ups or push ups will help upper body strength. Squats can help with lower body strength. Squats can also help you with your flexibility and balance. Lunges are another exercise that strengthens your lower body and improves flexibility.

Another way to condition yourself for a long ride is riding a bicycle. Although it may sound a little funny to ride a bicycle to get in shape for a motorcycle ride, it's a good test of your endurance and stamina. Cycling for a few miles will help you build yourself up for long motorcycle rides.

Hopefully this will help someone out. Unfortunately, this information was a little late for me. I hobbled around like Quasimodo for almost a week.

As always, if you have any ride or dinner suggestions, please let us know. We're always looking for someplace new to go.

Until next time, Fins Up!/)

Bob and Donna



Upcoming Charity Events

**Blue Knights SC-1
U.S. Marine Corps**

40th TOYS FOR TOTS YEAR

December 1, 2024

**START RIDE
11:00AM 1:00 PM**

Location: SC Military Museum
1 National Guard Road, Columbia, SC 29201

Police Escorted
Cost: One New Unwrapped Toy per Rider

Food trucks, DJ Mike Lockaby Vendors
40th Anniversary Ride Pins Available

**THE 24TH ANNUAL DORN VA HOSPITAL
VETS' Christmas Charity RIDE**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024
Departs at **2:00 p.m.** from Carolina Honda

MEET AT
Carolina Honda Powerhouse parking lot, 901 Buckner Road, Columbia, SC 29203. The ride will depart for Dorn VA Hospital at 2:00 PM rain or shine.

FOOD
A minimum of two food trucks will provide hot food. Scouts will have drinks and sweets available.

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

- BATH ROBES (S, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- SWEATSHIRTS (S, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- SWEAT PANTS (S, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- COATS (S, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- HOODIE JACKETS (S, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- T-SHIRTS (S, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- UNDERWEAR (S, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- WARM SOCKS
- WARM GLOVES
- THROW BLANKETS
- SCARVES
- SLIPPERS
- TOILET ARTICLES
- COOKIES (without nuts)
- GIFT CARDS
- SOFT CANDY
- SMALL RADIOS
- BACK PACKS
- BALL CAPS
- WALMART GIFT CARDS
- FOOD GIFT CARDS
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IF YOU DON'T BRING CHRISTMAS, MAMMY OF OUR VETS WON'T HAVE ONE!

IF YOU DON'T RIDE, PLEASE DONATE NOW AT www.vetsride.org

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Call or text at 570-980-980
All riders must be properly licensed
No alcohol allowed on the premises

Gift drop off locations located on our new website at www.vetsride.org or call (803) 252-3381

Dates to Remember.....

November 3– Lexington Veterans Parade–Daylight Savings
November 5-Election Day
November 9-Chapter Gathering/Lizards Thicket
November 11-Veterans Day
November 12-14 –Camping/Oconee State Park
November 19-Chapter Dinner/Firehouse Subs/Irmo
November 28-Thanksgiving Day



December 1-Toys-for-Tots Ride
December 7– Chapter P Christmas Party
December 8– Veterans Christmas Ride
December 14-Breakfast Get Together/Lizards Thicket
December 14-Wreaths Across America Ceremony/FJNC

****Check your email / FaceBook for changes and additions****

Dinner Ride

Tuesday, November 19– Irmo Firehouse Subs 7467 St Andrew's Rd.,
Irmo 803-407-8548 *Located in the Kroger Shopping Plaza– Firehouse
Subs faces North Lake Drive*



Michael Hopson 10
Tiny Oxner 15
Elvin Ventresco 16 (it's a big one!)
Karran Robbins 20
Mary Ventresco 22
Brenda Settle 26



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Upcoming Rallies

March 14 - 16, 2025 - Florida District Rally - Gainesville, FL

April 24-26, 2025 - Tennessee Rally - Johnson City, TN

May 15-17, 2025 - South Carolina District Rally, Newberry, SC

June 5-7 - Georgia District Rally, Helen, GA

June 26-28, 2025- Alabama District Rally -Sheffield, Ala.

August 28-30- EWMA Rendezvous -Fort Smith, AR

TBA, 2024 EWMA MS District Rally - Biloxi, MS



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