



December 2024 Newsletter



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Chapter P Gathering Information

**NO CHAPTER GATHERING
IN
DECEMBER**



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The Chapter That Rides...

CHAPTER DIRECTORS JOHN & CINDY WOOD



Well folks, we're not only closing out the month of November, but we on our way to closing out 2024. Cindy & I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday and are preparing for all the events on the agenda in December. First thing, we will not be having a Monthly Gathering, but take a look at what is planned for December 14th. The beginning of December starts with the Toys-for-Tots Ride on December 1st, The Chapter typically takes an early ride ending at Colonial Life to drop off gifts in advance of the large group coming from the Military Museum. Keep an eye out for ride details. If you'd rather ride with the large group, see the details on the flyer in this Newsletter.



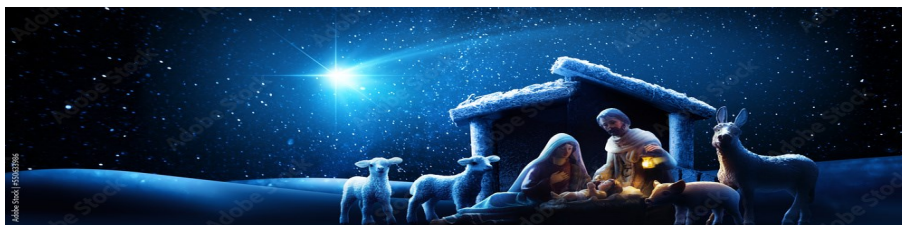
Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be on December 7th at the Lake Murray Community Center. In addition to a great catered meal from Shealy's BBQ we'll be entertained with some home grown Bluegrass Music. We'll close out the event with a traditional Gift Exchange hosted by Kay Rickie. Sunday, December 8th will include the 24th Annual Veterans Christmas Ride to the Dorn VA. Chapter P will be providing the Service & State Flags for riders who'd like to carry them. If you'd like to assist mounting flags, please come out to Carolina Honda @ 10 am. Weather permitting, the plan is to ride to Dorn this year, and we're hoping for a great turn-out. We'll take a little break with the next event, Wreaths Across America Ceremony at Fort Jackson National Cemetery on Saturday, December 14th. We plan to begin the day with a breakfast ride to Lizards Thicket beginning at 9 am before heading to the cemetery for the WAA ceremony for those who plan to ride along. We're planning our final Chapter Dinner for 2024 on Tuesday, December 17th at the Flight Deck Restaurant with dinner at 6 pm. This is the perfect time to spend time with friends before the Christmas Holidays kick into high gear. Just around the corner we'll enter the final season of the year with the Winter Solstice on December 21st. The shortest daylight and longest darkness of the year. The good thing is daylight will begin to get longer beginning the 22nd. We'll be back to warmer weather and longer daylight before we know it. The Chapter activities will step back to allow folks to spend time with family during the Christmas and New Years Holidays. Many folks will be traveling, so our hope is everyone reaches their destinations and return home safely. Our Polar Bear ride on New Years Day will be our first event of 2025. The plan is to ride to Trotters Restaurant in Clinton to celebrate and dine with friends from all over the State. This ride typically sets the riding tone for the upcoming year. Again, the year is winding to an end, it's been a busy and eventful year. I believe 2025 will follow suit, but not without new ideas, destinations, and event ideas from our members.

**** Looking for someone 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



Assistant Directors & Webmaster Bob and Donna Baum



I'm really at a loss this month. The weather is getting colder, the days are getting shorter and the bike is sitting more. I'm really not a fan of winter. ☐

But we do have some things to look forward to. Tour of Honor sign up begins December 1 st , our Chapter Christmas party is on the 7 th , we'll have a dinner get together on to be determined day and place and a Polar Bear ride on January 1 st .

Enjoy the holidays with your family. Be thankful we're able to enjoy each other and our hobby. Help those less fortunate. This is a hard part of the year for a lot of people, reach out and do your best to make it less difficult for them.

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



Ride & Safety Coordinator Rich Kitko

Riding Through Adventure:

A Motorcycle Camping Trip to Oconee State Park



For motorcycle enthusiasts, few things rival the thrill of the open road—except perhaps pairing that freedom with the tranquility of a weekend camping trip. Recently, our riding crew geared up for an unforgettable adventure to Oconee State Park, nestled in the heart of South Carolina's scenic mountains.

The Ride: A Journey Worth Every Mile The trip began with winding roads that carved through the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. With every curve, we were met by breathtaking views of vibrant fall foliage, crisp mountain air, and the occasional friendly wave from fellow travelers. Riders of all skill levels found the route engaging, with smooth stretches balanced by thrilling twists and turns. If you're planning your own ride, consider taking SC Highway 11 (Cherokee Foothills Scenic Highway)—a must-ride route filled with stunning vistas and roadside stops perfect for a quick break. **The Destination: Oconee**

State Park Upon arrival, we were greeted by the park's rustic charm. Oconee State Park offers campsites perfectly suited for motorcyclists, with ample space for tents and fire pits to warm up after a cool ride. For those who prefer a touch of luxury, the park also features cozy cabins tucked among the trees. The park is a paradise for outdoor enthusiasts, boasting 20 miles of hiking trails, serene fishing spots, and a pristine 18-acre lake ideal for a post-ride cool-down. We highly recommend the Oconee Bell Nature Trail, a short yet rewarding hike that showcases the area's unique flora. **Cooking Up Memories:** Chicken Bog and Spaghetti No camping trip is complete without hearty meals to keep riders fueled for the adventure ahead. This trip's culinary highlights were two crowd-pleasers: Chicken Bog and Spaghetti. On the first night, we whipped up a steaming pot of Chicken Bog, a South Carolina classic that brought comfort to everyone after a day on the road. The mix of tender chicken, smoky sausage, and flavorful rice simmered over the fire filled the air with an irresistible aroma. It's the perfect meal to share with a group—simple to prepare, yet rich in flavor. The next evening, dinner was a savory pot of Spaghetti, complete with a zesty marinara sauce loaded with fresh herbs and garlic. Cooking over a portable stove, we kept the process efficient, proving that even a campsite can deliver restaurant-quality meals. Paired with garlic bread toasted over the fire, it was a satisfying end to another day of adventure. **Campfire Stories and Camaraderie** As the sun set, the magic of motorcycle camping truly came alive. Gathered around the fire, we swapped stories of daring rides, mechanical mishaps, and bucket-list destinations. There's something about the crackling fire and the hum of nature that deepens the bond between riders. **Why Oconee Should Be Your Next Ride** Whether you're seeking solitude, adventure, or quality time with your riding group, Oconee State Park delivers. It's more than a destination; it's an experience that blends the thrill of motorcycling with the serenity of nature and the warmth of shared meals. So, pack your gear, fuel up, and make Oconee State Park your next stop. You won't just ride away with miles under your tires—you'll leave with memories to last a lifetime.

Richard Kitko
District/Chapter P Safety/Ride Coordinator

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CHAPTER GATHERING & RIDE TO FLANNIGAN'S



We Wish You a Merry Christmas



CAMPING/RIDING AT OCONEE STATE PARK



CHAPTER DINNER—FIREHOUSE SUBS



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!

Dates to Remember.....

- December 1-Toys-for-Tots Ride**
- December 7– Chapter P Christmas Party**
- December 7 –Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**
- December 8– Veterans Christmas Ride**
- December 14-Breakfast Get Together/Lizards Thicket**
- December 14-Wreaths Across America Ceremony/FJNC**
- December 17– Chapter Dinner-Flight Deck Restaurant**
- December 21– Winter Solstice –First Day of Winter**
- December 24– Christmas Eve**
- December 25– Christmas**
- December 31– New Years Eve**



- January 1 - New Years Day/Polar Bear Ride/Trotters in Clinton**
- January 11– Chapter Gathering/Lizards Thicket/ 9 am**
- January 18– District All Members Forum/Lake Murray Community Center**

Dinner Ride

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17-FLIGHT DECK RESTAURANT-EAT AT 6 PM
109 OLD CHAPIN RD., LEXINGTON, SC**



Evelyn Settle	3
Gene Porth	6
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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

October 16-18. 2025 Mississippi District Rally - Biloxi, MS



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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 (L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- SWEATSHIRTS (L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- SWEAT PANTS (L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- COATS (L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- HOODIE JACKETS (L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- T-SHIRTS (L, XL, 2XL, 3XL)
- UNDERWEAR (L, 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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