

SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024



Hello South Carolina,

March came in like a Lion and it looks like it's going out like a lamb, and that only means one thing, it's time to ride. Here in South Carolina, we are putting our focus on riding. We held our first ever ride around the state. This was a rain or shine event and that's exactly what we got (rain & sunshine). Kudos to everyone that joined us along the route. When you plan a ride like this you have to take the good with the bad. All I could say is, if you missed this ride, you missed a good time. Don't worry though, we are planning another over-nighter, and you won't want to miss this one.

Up next is the District Brown Bag Picnic Ride In. This is an opportunity for your chapter to plan a ride to a predetermined destination. All you have to do is show up with your lunch. You can make your ride as long or as short as you wish, so come on out and join us for a little fellowship in the middle of your ride.

May is approaching fast, and we are getting very excited, with a lot of nerves. The 2024 Rally in Newberry is May 17th and 18th. The District Team is working to ensure you have a great time. They have guided rides planned along with games, an outdoor movie, ice cream and more. We're looking forward to seeing all of you in just a few short weeks.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter weekend.

Ride safe my friends,

Jon & Donna Horning
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TRAILER SEASON

Spring marks the starting point of so many outdoor activities. Many of these activities require dragging a large object behind a 4-wheeled vehicle. Boats, campers, horses, lawn equipment, and many other things need TRAILERS. Yes, it is TRAILER SEASON.

As motorcyclists, we need to be aware of the impact that trailers have on our safety strategy. Trailers and their tow vehicles (TV's) take up a lot of road space, and often limit our forward visibility. They usually require increased stopping distances and turning radii at intersections. They can also go into an out-of-control "sway" that can take up more than their lane width and possibly cause a crash. Tires and wheel bearings on trailers often do not get proper maintenance, causing blow-outs on the road. The lighting systems are another problem, especially on boat trailers. Never count on the proper operation of running lights, brake lights, or turn signals on any trailer.

TV drivers could be a little less focused than other drivers. That fisherman towing his boat may have gotten up at 2AM to be on the water before sunrise and may not be too sharp on his way home in the late afternoon. The guy towing that travel trailer may have a few cranky family members in his truck.

And then there are TEFO's to deal with. That's right, Trailer - Ejected Flying Objects. These could be flotation devices coming out of a boat, or clumps of debris from a trailer loaded with yard waste, but all pose a threat to us. Years ago, I was returning home from a ride through New York's beautiful Finger Lakes region on a 2-lane highway. I came upon a slow-moving boat trailer and moved up to pass it.

Oncoming traffic prevented that move and I quickly realized there were objects swirling around inside the boat. I quickly backed off. Shortly thereafter, I was greeted by a flotation vest coming my way. It was the first of several objects that flew out of that boat. Score a point for increased following distance.

How do we deal with TV's and trailers? How do we make them AWARE of our presence? Give them SPACE and don't tailgate or ride directly beside them if at all possible. Try to be in a position where you can see their mirrors, so they can see you. Maybe even swerve in your lane a little bit to give your headlight some motion. When passing, remember that a tall trailer blocks your view of the road ahead.

You may be surprised to discover that there are vehicles ahead of the TV when you pull out to pass. Realize that they need extra stopping distance, so giving the trailer rig behind you plenty of warning when turning or stopping will be greatly appreciated. Being courteous to them at the gas pumps or in the parking lot will aid the relationship between riders and trailer jockeys. Remember, they have just as much right to the road as we do.

Paul Wood

EWMA SC District Motorcycle Awareness Coordinator



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“It’s Happening”

Hello all,

In case you haven't noticed, it's happening. "What's happening you ask"? It's South Carolina District being active.

We just had a great District ride around the State. Talk has already started on another big multi day District ride.

Two of our District leaders took first place at the Florida Rally. Speaking of Rallies, there is a rally every month for a while now. If you are lucky enough and not still working like I am and able to go to some of these rallies, I strongly encourage you to do so. We have our own South Carolina Rally coming up in May. Make sure you make that one.

We have a "Bring Your Bag Lunch Picnic " ride in coming up. Great time for your Chapter to ride and come together with the rest of the District.

If you along with your Chapter are not participating in the District events then you are not receiving the full benefits of being an EWMA member.

Check the Districts web site, the chapter's sites, chapters newsletters. The information is out there.

So I say it again, "It's happening " in South Carolina, come join us.

Thank you, see you soon.

Thanks,
Michael Ammons
EWMA SC Assistant



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Around the State Ride

As I sit in my recliner relaxing I am amazed at the fun, laughter, stories, and friendships we just had. The ride came about as a group was talking about ride ideas for the next year at a picnic. I had heard stories of a trip that was taken back in the day of a group that road around the state. So when I got home and told the idea to Jorge he said let's do it. He had just bought his "new to him" bike and said he wanted to put some miles on it. So we started planning, really didn't think it would ever come to be. Months later it was here, time to ride. The weather was not looking to be in our favor but if we canceled the ride it probably would never happen, so Jorge said get out the rain gear and let's ride. As we met at the QT in Anderson to leave out, John and Karen Higgins from Chapter A came out to see us off. They were hating that they could not join the ride but gave us support in our trip. We headed north to the edge of the mountains and across the top of the state. Just 2 bikes, Jorge, Susan and myself thinking that it was just going to be us because of the weather man saying 99% chance of rain cause many to stay at home. When we got to our first planned stop I was smiling, seeing more bikes. There was a couple that had seen the post about the ride and wanted to come out to see what EWMA-SC was about. We talked and me being stressed about time schedules said "we have to go." They rode with us for a few miles and turned off to go home and decide I guess if they really want to join our great (crazy) group. We now had members from chapter F, G and S with us now two wheels trikes and a car. There was still no rain a little cool, we headed out to Rockhill for the next planned stop. As we arrived no more bikes and now rain was starting to dampen my spirits, but as we all decided to go to Arby's and sit down to eat and get out our rain gear the laughter began. Susan had to have some help getting her rain gear on for the first time since she had had it in the bike for YEARS. Everyone was talking about what kind of rain gear they had and the stories of riding in the rain that were told. We headed out to the motel sad that it was just us but in another way happy that I was not the only crazy person on this ride. We rode in the rain for about 30 minutes and we got ahead of the rain, nice weather all the way to Dillon and then the smile got bigger. More bikes from chapter P met us there. We laughed and told stories, relaxed and then the decision on where to eat. My stress meter raised again we as a group decided to cross the very busy highway to a buffet. The restaurant put us at a large table in the back because we looked like a group that would cause trouble. We laugh and talked about the ride so far. The next morning the breakfast selection was not great at the Red Roof so we decided to cross the street again pressing our luck to make it across safely to the Waffle House and we filled the place. Well, half the place. The Waffle House experience will have to be told maybe at the rally. Pressing our luck again to cross the street back to our bike we layered up and prepared for a damp ride toward the beach region of our ride. It was a wet ride but as we turned and made our way around Myrtle Beach the rain passed was a bit difficult to see with the mist from the road and the sun coming out. The clouds melted away and the sun came out now to get some fuel and the laughter that we had taking off our gear. I looked up and here was Donna and Carla with snack to keep our energy up until we had to eat again. My stress about keeping on a schedule had been forgotten back at the Waffle House so we laughed and decided to head to Charleston to another buffet. The ride was amazing, a bit of traffic but the view as we crossed over the big bridges on I526 was awesome. Lunch and head out across the lower part of the state across marsh land, oh forgot to say more stories at lunch and my keeping on time was gone by now.

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Around the State Ride (Continued)

We made our way to Hardeeville to the Red Roof Inn and to our surprise another bike that wanted to join in the fun. We decided that since we had a late lunch we would take our chances again and cross the busy highway on foot to the Burger King, I think we may have cause some stress on the staff there. We told more stories and lots more pictures. Laughing and having fun until we had to cross the street back to the hotel. The next morning the breakfast at the hotel was way better then we got saddled up to go get breakfast for the bikes. You may have seen by now a photo of the local police car behind us. Well my lips are sealed on what happened another story to be told at a later date when all the legal problems are weeded out. Back to the ride we turn north and head up towards another buffet for lunch. Kim, Buddy and myself had made plans earlier to meet at the intersection of Hwy 3 & 125 but since I was following my gps it decided to take us on a road that bypass that intersection so the group stopped close to a church that was just starting their service to call and let Buddy and Kim know we where a few miles up the road. I think the little church was glad to see us pull away but we probably need to go in and get some blessings by this time of the trip. Off to BJ's to have lunch. The place was great being we had a colder than anticipated ride up thru the pines and having to layer up once at a stop sign. One person in the group was chilled and heard they got them a small heater to sit by. We were put in a back room so that the stories and laughter didn't bother the other customers. Now to the sad part of the ride several of us were headed in different directions to go home. As we departed back to the upstate and Jorge going back to the QT starting point to get the total Around the State ride mileage of 775 miles the trip comes to a end. I want to personally thank each and everyone who came, helped, joined us and said a prayer for our safe journey. Thank you, thank you, thank you until we ride again. Plans are in the works for more journeys like this. Each of us have different stories to tell even though we rode the same route, we all had different views threw our windshields.

Jimmy Kruse



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“Oh What a Ride”

I have to be honest. I was very hesitant about going on the “Around the State Ride.” I thought about how I might be uncomfortable riding that long or the possibility of getting wet. I have to say that I’m so glad I didn’t miss the ride. It was so much fun.

Having lived in SC for 24 years , I was in awe of the beauty of the state. I got to see and experience South Carolina from a very different view. There are a lot of places I had heard of and never been. I am looking forward to visiting more places in our state.

It was so much fun to be part of this amazing group of friends. Everyone was flexible, caring and willing to lend a hand where needed.

The laughter never ended , even after the third day of being together.

I know that I went outside my comfort zone to go on this trip. I am so glad that I did. The rain didn’t dampen our fun or spirits.

I thoroughly enjoyed all the giggles and appreciate everyone who participated. The support of folks showing up along the way and cheering us on ,was awesome.

A big shout out to our servers at Waffle House, Becky and Mason. Thanks for taking care of us. The local pastor who was also there , will probably include us in a future sermon. He was a great touch to our early morning adventure.

Susan Kruse
Events Coordinator



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Around the State Ride





RIDE-IN BROWN BAG PICNIC

DATE : APRIL 14, 2024

TIME : 1:00 TILL 3:00

MARION DAVIS PARK

2905 FAIR AVENUE, NEWBERRY, SC 29108

Come on out and meet with friends for an old-time picnic. Pack lunch and enjoy a Sunday afternoon ride and picnic. Rain or shine. Covered picnic tables and clean restrooms.

Rally Site

Newberry Firehouse Convention Center



1227 Mekibben St,
Newberry, SC
29108

Host Hotel : Hampton Inn

1201 Nance Street,
Newberry, SC 29108
General hotel information
Phone # 803-276-6666
Rates starting at:
\$124 plus tax per night *



Additional accommodations options:

Days Inn

50 Thomas Griffin Rd
Newberry, SC 29108
803-276-2294
Rates starting at \$
70 plus tax per night*



When Booking your room at either hotel please let them know you are with EWMA to get the above rates

Area Camping:

Dreher Island State Park 803-345-7275
Newberry/I26/Sumter National Forest KOA 864-697-1214

For More Details, Check us out at:

<http://www.ewmasc.org>

EWMA South Carolina District Rally



**Home Town USA
Red, White & Blue**

May 17 & 18, 2024



**Newberry
South Carolina**

For Rally Information Contact:

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201 Shealy Rd., Prosperity, SC 29127 803-924-5243

2024 SC DISTRICT RALLY PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

EWMA Members \$30 each x _____ = \$ _____

Non-EWMA Members \$35 each x _____ = \$ _____

Pre-registration deadline is April 30, 2024. No refunds after May 10, 2024

On-site registrations increased by \$5 each. Age 15 & under free with paying adult.

Pre-Registered Day Pass \$15 each x _____ = \$ _____

Pre-Registration Tickets **Grand Prize winner will win \$1000**

50/25/25 Tickets (6 for \$5) (14 for \$10) (30 for \$20) \$ _____

Grand Prize Tickets (1 for \$1) (11 for \$10 Book) \$ _____

All Shirts must be pre-ordered: *There will be no shirt sales at the Rally*****

Short Sleeve Tee	S, M, L, XL - \$16 / 2XL & up - \$19	Size _____	Quantity _____	Amount \$ _____
		Size _____	Quantity _____	Amount \$ _____
Long Sleeve Tee	S, M, L, XL - \$20 / 2XL & up - \$23	Size _____	Quantity _____	Amount \$ _____
		Size _____	Quantity _____	Amount \$ _____
Short Sleeve Golf	S, M, L, XL - \$27 / 2XL & up - \$29	Size _____	Quantity _____	Amount \$ _____
		Size _____	Quantity _____	Amount \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Is this your first SC Rally? Yes _____ No _____

Rider (1) _____ EWMA # _____ Rider (2) _____ EWMA# _____

Street Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I/We agree to hold harmless EWMA co-sponsoring organization and any property owners for any loss or injury in which I/we may become involved by reason of participation at this Rally. I/We have read this waiver and acknowledge with signature(s) below:

Rider Signature _____ Date _____ Rider Signature _____ Date _____

Mail Payment to: Mary Coral EWMA SC Treasurer: 304 Silver Branch Rd., West Columbia SC 29170

