



## South Carolina District Newsletter

### February 2025

Winter Greetings to all,

The January Kickoff was a success! We had fun, fellowship and members with good ideas and events forecasted for 2025. I want to thank the members that attended and I especially want to thank my team for their support in making the event special. My sincere thanks to Jimmy Kruse for his informative presentation. He put out a lot of information in a short while, from benefits of EWMA to the Around the State Ride coming up in March.

The Wingers-N-Waves Cruise is coming up soon and we're ready to pack our bags and see you on the ship.

Our next big event is the Ride Around the State on March 28-30. Go to the EWMA SC Website [ewmasc.org](http://ewmasc.org) to register for the event. Also make your motel reservations now if you are going on the ride. A discount for the Red Roof Inn is one of the benefits of EWMA and you can find that information on the District Website.

Also, it's time to register for the SC District EWMA Rally in May. The 2025 Rally Flyer is on the last two pages of this newsletter and also on our District Website. We plan on having lots of fun and rides on this three day event, so please come join us.

We are all tired of this cold weather and it looks like February will mellow out a little and give us some riding time. Dust off those motorcycles and take them out for a nice, safe ride.

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Hope everyone is staying warm during this Siberian cold weather as it's called. Hope the lower part of the state took the opportunity to take some pictures of your bike in the snow. If you did, please post some pictures on the District Facebook page.

Thanks to everyone that came to the 2025 Kickoff. Lots of things happening this year. Chapter Directors please go to the District Website and post your events and some may need to update their chapters gathering information and events.

Around the State Ride has a signup sheet on the District Website. Please go fill it out; this way we know how to plan for a great weekend.

Please check on your chapter members during this cold weather; if you have not seen some members in awhile, reach out to them. This is one way to help keep retention of the group. Some may have forgotten to renew their membership and will soon be missing out. Also if your chapter has people that are coming to your events and are not a member, you may want to start a conversation with them, "You seem to enjoy our group and we enjoy having you join us. In an attempt to continue to grow, it's important to have folks join EWMA. Here is an application for membership."

Hope everyone is staying warm during and getting you bike ready for a great year.

Jimmy Kruse  
Assistant District Director





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Hello all,

Carla and I are really excited after attending the District Kick Off. Looks like the Ride around the State is going to be a Heck of a Ride. And hearing the reports from the Chapter Directors there will be a good many Heck of a Rides in the chapters. Let's get out there and do motorcycle things and make this year one Heck of a Year. I want to encourage everyone to post pictures of people or groups in front or on their bikes. In my opinion, there are too many pictures of people sitting at a table eating. We call ourselves a motorcycle association; let's start portraying that image.

Keep it between the ditches and roll on.

Thanks.

Michael and Carla Ammons  
1/2 of the Assistant Directors Tag Team





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#### **Staying Sharp: Safety Training & Practice for EWMA Riders**

As riders, we know that safety isn't just about wearing the right gear—it's about sharpening our skills and staying prepared for whatever the road throws our way. As your **District Safety/Ride Coordinator**, I want to emphasize the importance of regular training and practice, especially during this time of year.

#### **Safety Programs & Meeting Presentations**

Chapter members can use the [EWMA-World.org](http://EWMA-World.org) website for meeting presentations covering essential riding topics, including:

- Group riding protocols
- Emergency maneuvering
- Defensive riding techniques
- Motorcycle maintenance checks

These sessions are a great opportunity to refresh your knowledge, ask questions, and learn from fellow riders.

#### **Parking Lot Practice Sessions**

Chapter members can use [EWMA-World.org](http://EWMA-World.org) to find **training resources and exercises** for:

- Slow-speed maneuvers
- Braking techniques
- Obstacle avoidance
- Tight turns & U-turns

These exercises build confidence and control, helping us stay safe on the road.

#### **Now Is the Perfect Time to Train**

As the seasons change, it's a great time to **revisit your riding skills** before heading out on longer rides. Whether you're a seasoned rider or just getting back on the road, **consistent practice keeps you sharp and ready**.

Stay tuned for upcoming **safety and riding events**, and let's make **safety a priority** for every ride. Ride smart, ride safe, and enjoy the journey!

**Richard Kitko**  
**District Safety/Ride Coordinator**  
**Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association**







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### 2nd Year Trip Around the State Ride

I want to say thank you to everyone that helped to put together the greatest ride coming up the last weekend of March. We're hoping that everyone who can ride a motorcycle, car or truck will want to come have fun and enjoy time at Buc-ee's with friends on this Trip Around the State.

Also, I want to thank the following people for helping with this ride: Jimmy Kruse, Paul wood, and Mike Coral.

**Jorge Gonzalez**  
**District Assistant Safety/Ride Coordinator**  
**Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association**





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### 2025 Kickoff was a Blast!!!!

In case you missed the kickoff at Lake Murray on January 18th, it was a great!!!! We had close to 60 folks come out and learned about what is happening in South Carolina, neighboring states and about each other! There was lots of laughter, hugs and delicious food. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success.

The big message was, that we are all here to help each other. We can continue to grow with the support and encouragement of everyone.

I was at a training recently for another program I am part of and I kept hearing, "Wear the brand".

Every time we wear our EWMA apparel, it opens up an opportunity for someone to ask who we are, what we are about and learn about us!

So, maybe in 2025 we can make an effort to "wear our brand" and let folks know who we are!

Thanks again for all you do for EWMA!

Susan Kruse  
Events Coordinator





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Our new year is off and running! January started us out with 2 great get togethers, starting our renewing of great friendships, that we don't always get to see, with the New Year's Ride and the All Members Forum. Turnout has been really good and I hope that continues throughout this year. The forum was very informative, and Jimmy Kruse did a good job keeping it fun. Once again Kim summer made a beautiful quilt for a door prize; thank you Kim! The soups were really good as well as the sandwiches. It was nice to eat a bowl of nice hot soup as the weather was a little chilly.

Sounds like we are going to have a lot of fun coming up this year. I'm looking forward to the Around the State Ride and the Campout. If anyone knows of a fun game they have played or have seen on the internet and would like us to play please send it to me so we can try it, either text or email.

Ride safe, stay warm, keep yourself healthy and happy! See you soon!

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The SC District Kickoff at Lake Murray Community Center was definitely a success. The event was well represented and very informative; also the delicious hot soup and sandwiches hit the spot on the cool, wet day. A few pictures are below for you to enjoy. Ride Safe.

Kim & Buddy Summer  
District Ambassadors and Newsletter Editor  
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Rally Site

**Newberry Firehouse  
Convention Center**



1227 McKibben St,  
Newberry, SC 29108

**Host Hotel : Hampton Inn**

1201 Nance Street  
Newberry, SC 29108  
Phone # 803-276-6666

Additional accommodations options:

**Days Inn**

50 Thomas Griffin Rd Newberry, SC 29108  
803-276-2294

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



Special Thanks to Kevin, Michelle & Blake  
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**EWMA  
South Carolina  
2025 District Rally**

*Salute to the Troops*



**May 15, 16 & 17, 2025  
Newberry, South Carolina**

**GRAND PRIZE DRAWING:**

**\$1000**

**For Rally Information Contact:**

Jon & Donna Horning, SC District Directors  
201 Shealy Rd., Prosperity, SC 29127 803-924-5243

For More Details, Check us out at: <http://www.ewmasc.org>

2025 SC DISTRICT RALLY PRE-REGISTRATION FORM



EWMA Members \$30 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Non-EWMA Members \$35 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*Pre-registration deadline is April 30, 2025. No refunds after May 1, 2025*  
*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 is \$1000!**

Daily 50/25/25 Tickets (6 for \$5) (14 for \$10) (30 for \$20)  
Thursday \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Friday \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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 - \$17 / 2XL & up - \$20 Size \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Size \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first SC Rally? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks payable to EWMA SC. Mail to: Mary Coral 304 Silver Branch Rd., West Columbia, SC 29170**