



South Carolina District Newsletter

April 2025

Hello South Carolina and Friends,

What a year we're having. So far we've had two District events and I couldn't be more pleased with the participation. In January we had an amazing turnout for our All Members Kick Off Forum. And just this past weekend we had 38 members either join us on the ride or come to a meeting point and wish us well. How awesome is that? I personally want to thank everyone for your support; without our great members we really don't have an association.

Next up on our list is our South Carolina District Rally in May. We have got a loads of good times planned and something for everyone. Thursday we are having a pizza party, free to everyone with a paid registration. Friday night we are treating everyone to an ice cream and a costume contest. There will be guided rides and plenty to do. We hope you can join us.

As always I want to extend our promise that Donna and I and our entire District Team are here if you need us. Please feel free to call, text or email anyone of us.

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Hope everyone is getting their bike ready for a great riding season. I hope that everyone that went on the Around the State Ride had a wonderful time. The District and Chapters have lots of things going on around the state. Please check the District Calendar along with your Chapter Calendars for all the fun that is happening. Remember it's your responsibility to keep up with your membership not your chapter director. Go on to the National EWMA Website, log in, and check your status. Don't be the one that says "I didn't know my membership had expired" because you got at least 2 if not 3 reminders you were about to expire. So if you want to keep having fun with us stay current on your membership. Thanks and have a safe ride.

Jimmy Kruse
Assistant District Director

Hello all.

The daylight is lasting longer and the weather is getting warmer. Time to get out and do things. The chapters and District have plenty to choose from and do. I hope you get out and ride.

Michael and Carla Ammons
Assistant District Directors





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I want to first send prayers to everyone affected by the fires in the upstate. We are here if you need anything.

We hope everyone is surviving the pollen! Mike has probably washed the cars several times every week, but he has been able to get out and ride with the nice temperatures.

We are getting ready now to join our SC Members on the Around the State Ride. Mike has been going over the Gold Wing, with what we used to call T-CLOCK, to make sure it is ready to go. This is something he always does not only for our safety but for the safety of everyone riding with us. We are looking forward to the ride and spending time with our EWMA friends. Hope you will be able to join us!

I want to thank Jimmy Kruse & Jorge Gonzales for their hard work in putting the Around the State ride together. It is very time-consuming to map the route and ensure there are restaurants and hotels to accommodate everyone. So even if you can't participate be sure to let them know they are appreciated! As always if you have any questions about anything, please call, or email me. If I don't recognize the phone number I won't answer, so please leave a message and I will call you back as soon as possible. Until next time!

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EWMA MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

March 2025 Edition

Riding Smart: Avoiding the Blind Spot

As motorcyclists, we are acutely aware of the challenges that come with being on two wheels in a world designed for four. One of the most dangerous situations we can encounter on the road is when we're caught in a vehicle's blind spot. The consequences can be severe if we're not vigilant about positioning ourselves for visibility and safety. In this month's newsletter, we're focusing on how to avoid riding in blind spots and why it's essential for your safety.

What is a Blind Spot?

A vehicle's blind spot is the area around the vehicle that the driver cannot see through mirrors or peripheral vision. Blind spots vary in size depending on the vehicle—larger vehicles like trucks and SUVs often have more expansive blind spots compared to smaller cars. As riders, it's critical to understand that these blind spots are a serious risk to us. When drivers can't see us, they may make maneuvers that can lead to accidents.

How to Stay Out of Blind Spots

- **Position Yourself Wisely** Always try to position yourself where the driver can see you. If you're in the lane next to a car, make sure you're slightly ahead or behind the vehicle, never directly beside it for extended periods. This will ensure the driver has a better chance of noticing you in their mirrors.
- **Use Your Headlight** While daytime running lights are standard on many motorcycles, make sure your headlight is on at all times, even in daylight. A well-lit motorcycle is easier to spot, especially when drivers are scanning their mirrors.





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Riding Smart: Avoiding the Blind Spot (Continued)

- **Avoid Tailgating** If you're riding directly behind a vehicle, make sure you maintain a safe distance. Not only does this give you a buffer in case of sudden braking, but it also ensures you are visible in the driver's side and rearview mirrors. Staying too close to a vehicle puts you in a vulnerable position if they change lanes unexpectedly.
- **Use Lane Positioning to Your Advantage** Within your lane, position yourself where you're visible to drivers, but avoid being in a position where you're riding directly in a blind spot. For example, riding in the left part of your lane when you're behind a car can help ensure you're seen by the driver.
- **Signal Early and Clearly** Whether you're changing lanes or preparing to turn, always signal your intentions well in advance. This gives drivers ample time to notice you and adjust their driving accordingly.
- **Be Aware of Larger Vehicles** Trucks and buses have particularly large blind spots. Never linger in these areas and be extra cautious when passing them. If you find yourself next to one, accelerate or decelerate to move out of the blind spot as quickly as possible.
- **Make Eye Contact When Possible** Making eye contact with drivers at intersections or while waiting at lights can help establish awareness. If the driver acknowledges you, they are more likely to be conscious of your presence when they begin moving.





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Riding Smart: Avoiding the Blind Spot (Continued)

What to Do If You Find Yourself in a Blind Spot

Despite your best efforts, you might still find yourself in a blind spot from time to time. If this happens:

- **Don't Panic:** Stay calm and avoid doing anything sudden.
- **Change Positions:** Safely move ahead, behind, or to the other side of the vehicle, ensuring you are no longer in the blind spot.
- **Be Ready to React:** Stay aware of the vehicle's movements and be prepared to act if they change lanes or make a turn unexpectedly.

Final Thoughts

Being proactive about your positioning on the road is the best way to stay safe and avoid dangerous blind spot situations. While we can't always predict what other drivers will do, we can always control how we position ourselves on the road and how visible we are to others. Ride smart, stay aware, and remember: safety is always in your hands.

Safe riding,

Richard Kitko
District Safety/Ride Coordinator
Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association





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SOUTH CAROLINA ROCKS !!!!!

There are so many activities planned for South Carolina for this year. Please check the District Website to see all Chapter Events along with the District Events. There are activities for everyone.

Mark your calendars for the SC rally in Newberry in May! There are going to be games, prizes, rides, along with lots of laughter and story telling with old and new friends!!! You don't want to miss this! Be sure to send in your registration and contact the District Team with any questions.

Ride safe and ride often!!

Susan Kruse
Events Coordinator

It's almost here! SC District Rally! Games, prizes, Daily Cash Raffles, Chapter Baskets, and the best, seeing old friends and making new ones. Don't forget the Grand Prize of 1,000 dollars. Still taking registrations so get yours in now. Come and enjoy Historic Newberry. Hope to see you there.

Jean Kitko
Events Coordinator





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We just finished the SC Ride Around the State, and boy, was it fun. Buddy and I met Jon & Donna on I-26 Exit 66, then rode to meet 3 other bikes at Exit 5 near Campobello. These 5 bikes left on Highway 11 to ride into the smoke from Table Rock fires and a closed Highway 11. We made our way to the QT near Anderson where we met other riders. We even had several well wishers who were there to send us off in style! Fifteen bikes, trikes and sidecar rigs left for North Augusta down some roads I'm sure I'd never ridden on. We arrived at BJ Country Buffet where we were joined by more riders and a few that joined us just for lunch.

After a delicious buffet we left North Augusta with 22 bikes, trikes, sidecar rig and one convertible. We split into two groups for safety reasons and headed toward Hilton Head. Our group had some gravel and a detour to contend with but finally made it to the Red Roof Inn about 6:30. It was a long but pleasant riding day.

Day Two started at 9 with a scenic coastal ride through the lowcountry to a Chinese Buffet in Moncks Corner. Some riders took a side trip to Buc-ee's in Florence, one went to meet a cousin, and Buddy & I went to see a friend at Little Pee Dee State Park. We all ended up in Dillon at the Red Roof Inn, tired but glad we joined in on the trip.

Day Three Jon & Donna and Buddy & I decided to leave early via interstates because of impending rain and luckily made it home by 9:30! We broke in our new bike with 800+ miles and plenty of sweet memories. What a ride! See pictures next page.

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SC Around the State Ride

Safety Brief



Hilton Head Island



Anderson

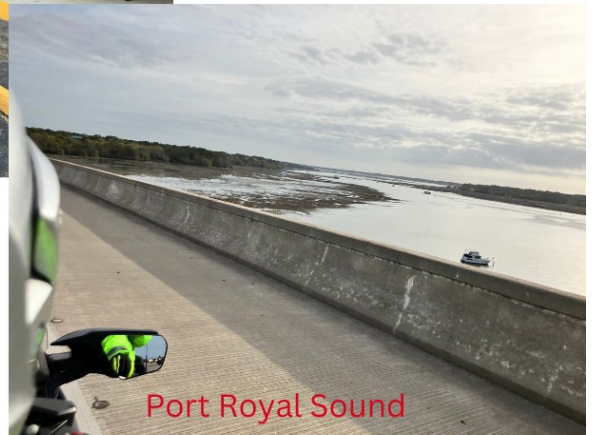


Smoke on Hwy 11

Chillin' @ Dillon



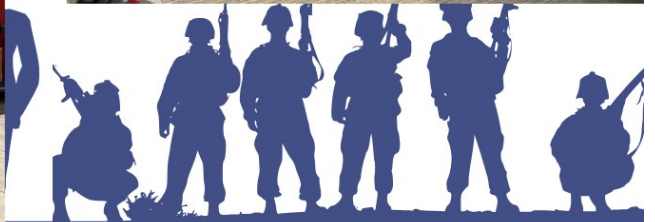
Low Country Fuel Stop



Port Royal Sound



Buc-ee's



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••



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EWMA South Carolina 2025 District Rally

Salute to the Troops



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

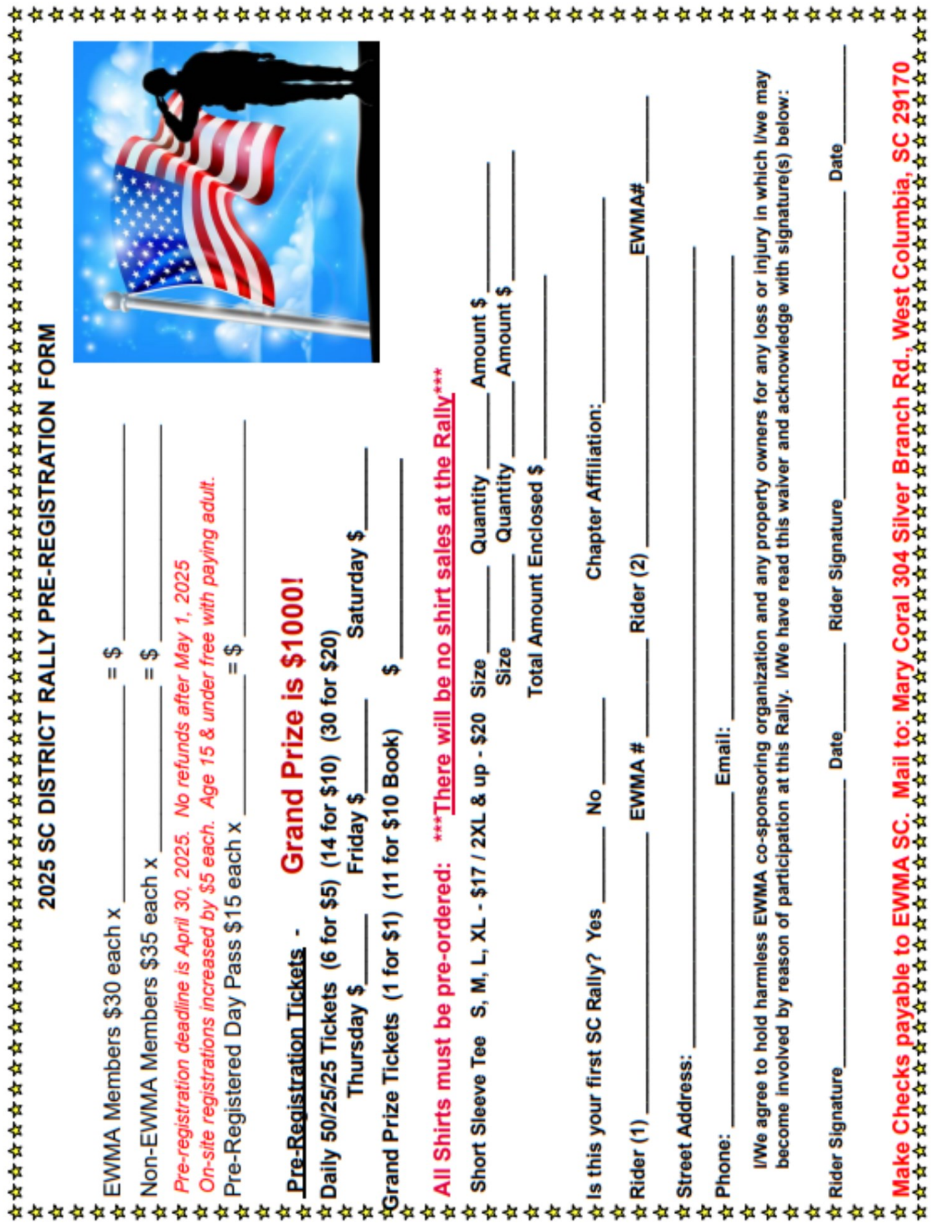
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For More Details, Check us out at: <http://www.ewmasc.org>



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