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The Chapter that rides...

**CHAPTER DIRECTORS
JOHN & CINDY WOOD**



It's been an amazing weather month! Since Ground Hog Day I believe we've experienced all four seasons in a month. We started off with a joint Chapter ride with Chapter S to Aiken for a Chinese lunch at the Eastern Buffet. The weather was great on this day, so a good lunch with some wind therapy made for a great day. Our Gathering followed the next weekend with an excellent turnout. Lets Welcome our newest EWMA & Chapter P members, Rob & Dee Groves. Our Chapter Dinner grew a good crowd at Murray's for some good eating & socializing. Hope all had a great Valentines. We had eight Chapter members sail on the 10th Annual Wings & Waves Cruise, but in addition we had around 25 family & friends sail along. It was nice meeting so many of the family members along with visiting with friends from around the country. Had a good time, goes again in 2026. Let's look ahead at what's in store for March, just a reminder, EWMA Rally Season begins next month with the Florida Rally. A full list of Region A Rallies is listed here in the Newsletter. For those interested, Daytona Bike Week begins February 28 to March 9th. A few of us are planning to head down on March 6th, camping at the Daytona 200 Campground. If you plan to go and camp with us you'll need to make your own reservations. The departure info is on the Chapter/District Calendar. Our Chapter Gathering is March 8th. If you have a donation for the Chapter Basket, theme is "Salute to the Troops" please bring them to our Gathering or other chapter function. The annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade is on March 9th at 3 pm. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead an hour for daylight savings time. In years past we've ridden to Greenwood for the Blessing of the Bikes, this year on Sunday, March 16th with Saint Patrick's Day on the 17th. The first day of Spring is on March 20th. Yeah! We'll get riding season going. We'll also have a Chapter Dinner & Retiree Ride during the month. The District "Ride Around the State" event is March 28th to 30th with overnight stays in Hilton Head & Dillon. SC. For details go to the District Web Site and sign up and don't forget to reserve your rooms for the trip. Chapter P will join the ride at BJ's Buffet in Augusta on the first day. It's getting busy with rides, car shows, and fundraisers this time of year so keep you eyes peeled for some short notice events. Again, we'll be getting into the riding season very soon so get your ride ready go.

Quick Note: Thanks to all on the Retiree Ride helping repair a flat rear tire on our way home. It was amazing most everyone had a repair kit and pump to aid in getting me home. If you aren't carrying a tire repair kit, get one and be prepared.

****** Looking for someone interested in serving as Chapter Director, or Assistant Director please get with me.*******

We have a vacant Staff Position - **Assistant Safety/Ride Coordinator.**

If interested get with Rich Kitko or me. If you have a special ride you'd like to take, let us know.

The Lexington Area Wings, Chapter P has been around since April 1997. Let's keep it going!

Until Next Time.....

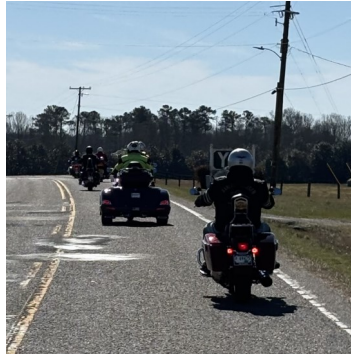
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Chapter S & P Ride To Aiken for Chinese Food



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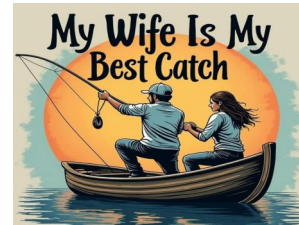
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Assistant Directors & Webmaster Bob and Donna Baum



February is sort-of a strange month. In South Carolina, it's transitional. It's not really winter, and it's not really spring. One day it'll be 70 degrees, the next it's 38 and raining. So we have to take advantage of the nice days as they come along. We started the month joining Chapter S for a ride to Eastern Buffet in Aiken on the 1st. The weather was beautiful and we had 4 bikes from Chapter P make the ride. On the 15th boarded a plane for Fort Lauderdale to attend the 10th Annual Wingers-N-Waves Caribbean cruise. The ship left Port Everglades on the 16th returning on the 22nd. We had stops in Coco Cay in the Bahamas, Falmouth Jamaica and Labadee Haiti. There were over 300 Wingers on board with almost 40 of them coming from

South Carolina. We even had 14 family members from Arkansas celebrating Donna's sister and brother-in-law's 60th anniversary. There was great participation at the 50's and Caribbean parties. Wayne Shunamon from Chapter S was 1 number away from winning the big money Bingo prize and somebody won a free cruise for next year in the Grand Prize Drawing. Check it out at wingersnwaves.com.

Our March Tuesday dinner will be at Bellis House of Pizza on the 11th.

Lastly, we're only a month away from finding out where this year's Tour of Honor sights are going to be. Remember, we're going to be making this ride either May 3-4 or 30-31 so mark your calendars. Check it out at tourofhonor.com

As always, if you have any ideas for rides or Tuesday dinners please let us know.

Until next time, Fins Up!/.).....
Bob and Donna

Assistant Safety/Ride Coordinator Rich Kitko



Group Riding: Tips for Safe and Enjoyable Rides with Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

As members of the Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association, we know the joy and camaraderie that come with riding together as a group. Group riding offers a unique experience that's both exhilarating and rewarding, but it also requires careful coordination, safety awareness, and communication. To ensure that our rides remain safe and enjoyable for everyone, here are some essential tips to follow during group rides:

1. Pre-Ride Briefing is Key

Before hitting the road, it's important that the group holds a quick pre-ride briefing. This allows everyone to get on the same page regarding the route, rest stops, hand signals, and emergency procedures. It's a good idea to review any specific ride rules—such as speed limits, spacing between bikes, and how to handle unexpected changes in the ride. Clear communication helps avoid confusion and keeps everyone safe.

2. The Formation Matters

The most common group riding formation is the staggered formation. This means that riders should line up in two rows, with each rider positioned at an offset behind the one in front of them. This provides sufficient space for safe maneuvering while maximizing visibility for everyone. Riders should maintain a minimum of two seconds of distance from the bike in front of them in the same lane, and be prepared to adjust if conditions change.

If conditions like weather or roadwork require, it may be safer to switch to a single-file formation. Always be flexible and adjust the formation based on the environment and group needs.

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3. Communication is Essential

Effective communication is a must when riding in a group. Riders should use hand signals to indicate turns, stops, and hazards, ensuring everyone is aware of what's happening around them. Additionally, riders can use motorcycle communication systems (if available) to stay in touch and discuss any changes in the ride or road conditions.

4. Stay Focused

Riding in a group can sometimes lead to distractions, but it's essential to stay focused on the task at hand. Riders should always keep their attention on the road, avoid unnecessary conversations, and refrain from riding aggressively. A distracted rider can be dangerous to themselves and others, so maintain awareness of your surroundings and be ready to respond to any potential hazards.

5. Pacing and Timing

Group rides are meant to be fun, but it's crucial to maintain a pace that is comfortable for everyone. Riders should be mindful of the skills and experience of other members in the group and avoid pushing anyone beyond their limits. As a rule of thumb, ride at a speed that ensures everyone can stay together, respecting the abilities and preferences of others.

If a rider needs to take a break or falls behind, don't leave them behind. Plan for regular stops to rest, hydrate, and make sure everyone is safe and accounted for.

6. Respect Each Other

Respect on and off the road is key to making group riding enjoyable for all. Be patient with one another, respect the space between bikes, and always be courteous to fellow riders. Everyone in the group is there for the same reason—to enjoy the ride and spend time together. A friendly, cooperative attitude will make the experience more enjoyable for everyone involved.

7. Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency, the group should have a plan in place. Whether it's a mechanical breakdown, an accident, or a medical issue, knowing what to do and how to communicate during emergencies is critical. The rider in front should signal and safely pull over, and everyone should do the same in an organized manner.

As part of our pre-ride briefing, make sure everyone knows the contact info of ride leaders, emergency protocols, and the nearest medical facilities along the route.

8. Ride Leaders and Sweep Riders

The ride leader's role is to set the pace and ensure everyone stays on track. They should communicate clearly and lead by example. The sweep rider brings up the rear and is responsible for ensuring no one gets left behind. If someone falls behind, it's the sweep rider's job to safely bring them back into the group.

Both roles are crucial for maintaining order and ensuring the safety of the group. Both leaders and sweep riders should have experience with group riding and should be familiar with the route and any potential hazards.

Final Thoughts

Group riding is a fantastic way to bond with fellow motorcycle enthusiasts, explore new routes, and share unforgettable experiences. However, it requires responsibility, awareness, and cooperation from all riders involved. By following these tips and maintaining respect for each other's safety and enjoyment, Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association members can continue to ride in harmony, ensuring that every ride is memorable and, most importantly, safe.

Dates to Remember.....

March 6-9-Chapter Ride/Camping in Daytona/Daytona 200 Campground
March 8-Chapter Gathering
March 9-Lexington Saint Patrick Day Parade-3 pm
March 9-Daylight Savings Time-Spring Forward
March 11-Chapter Dinner-Bellis House of Pizza, Lexington
March 16-Blessing of the Bikes/Greenwood
March 17-Saint Patrick's Day
March 20-First Day of Spring
March 20-Retiree Ride-TBA
March 28-30-District Ride Around the State (Don't forget to book your hotel rooms)

April 1-Tour of Honor Sites come out
April 12-Chapter Gathering
April 20-Easter Sunday

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

Dinner Ride

TUESDAY March 11– Dinner Bellis House of Pizza, 100 Old Cherokee, Lexington



Kay Rickey 9
Deb Kelderman 11
Bob Baum 19
Audy Wright 20
Bill Rickey 20
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Upcoming Rallies

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

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

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

June 5-7, 2025 - Georgia/Region A Ride-In, Helen, GA

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

August 28– 30 Eagle Wings Rendezvous, Ft Smith, AR

October 16-18 Mississippi District Rally, Biloxi MS

Website for all EWMA Rallies: [Events - Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association](https://www.eaglewingsmotorcycleassociation.com/events)



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