



South Carolina District Newsletter

March 2025

Another one bites the dust and another month gone; can you believe it's March? Well the weather is changing and it's time to dust off those bikes. Let's get out and ride.

There are some great rides coming up this month and you can go to the District Calendar to check them all out. Pick the one you like and join in on the fun. This Saturday we will be joining Chapter F on an overnight ride to the Tail of the Dragon. Should be lots of fun and laughs with that crowd.

We also have the Around the State Ride coming up March 28-30. You can go to the District Website and sign up. There is a link just for signing up for the ride. Mike Coral has done a fantastic job with our website, if you haven't checked it out lately you should.

We have several members that are sick with the flu and or pneumonia. Please keep them in your prayers.

The Florida Rally is March 13-15. This marks the beginning of Rally Season. Donna and I are looking forward to attending and we hope to see many of you there. Let's not forget our Rally in May 15-17. If you haven't already registered now's the time. You can send your registration form to Mary Coral. We are going to have a great time and we want you there to share in the fun. There will be rides and games, chapter baskets. We will have \$1000 dollars to raffle off and plenty more chances to win prizes; be there or be square.

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The weather is getting warmer and more of us are getting our bikes ready for a great riding season. Please check the bike over and make sure you have a safe and problem free season.

Rides have already started or in the planning stages. Check the District Calendar or your local chapter calendar so not to be left behind. Couple of us rode up to Lake Lure, NC a few days ago, was great weather and for a great cause. Also check you spam folder or junk folder for emails about rides, most of the rides are also talked about on the Chapters or District pages. Chapter Directors and Chapter Ride Coordinators work hard on these rides, so if the ask to please let them know if you plan to ride or go to a signup sheet please do this. It helps to know how many are going on the ride so they can plan the best way to make your trip fun and safe.

Thanks for your time and hope everyone has a safe riding season.

Jimmy Kruse
Assistant District Director





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Hello all.

Some of you may not have been on your bike in awhile. Spring is closing in on us. It would be a good time to pull that bike out, clean it up and while you are doing that give the bike a good inspection. Check everything: Tires, fluids, lights, brakes; go ahead and give it a over all top knotch inspection. Get it road ready. Did you buy the bike to look at or ride?

Great riding weather is here. The District Ride around the State is just around the corner. If you have not made plans to join this ride I strongly encourage you to come along.

We are a motorcycle association, so get that bike ready and let's ride. I hope to be seeing you in my rear view mirror or better yet in front of me and I try to keep up with you.

See you out there on the road.

Michael and Carla Ammons
Assistant District Directors





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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.





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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.





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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.

Ride safe, ride smart, and ride together!

– Eagle Wings Motorcycle Association

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





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Fun is in the Air!!!!

Some of us just returned from a Wingers and Waves Cruise. South Carolina had a large presence on the ship. There were lots of laughter and fun had by everyone.

We met folks from across the country and Canada. We had the opportunity to have a wonderful couple from New York at our dining table. They are planning to attend the SC Rally in May. We are looking forward to showing them a great time in Newberry!

There are lots of rides and activities planned by various chapters across the state. Check out the District Website and see what is happening!

There was a suggestion to tell people about EWMA if you are selling a bike, trailer or motorcycle equipment/ parts. I had a thought that perhaps providing a buyer with a year membership with their purchase. It would help get the word out and help them feel welcome! Something to think about.

Ride safe and ride often!

Susan Kruse
Events Coordinator





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March is finally here and Buddy and I are very excited for warmer weather. It seemed it was a brutally cold winter, so we're ready for some good riding time. Take a cruise by yourself or take a group ride with your chapter, friends, or better yet, plan to ride on some of these guided rides with your District or during another District's rally. I've ridden on these rides and found that they are very enjoyable. It also makes me realize the amount of time and planning has gone into these rides, just for the pleasure of riding. So enjoy the perks of EWMA and join these guided rides.

The pictures below are some of our members enjoying the Tenth Annual Wingers-n-Waves Cruise. Join us for next year's Cruise (the cruise info is already on the Internet). Ride Safe.

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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••



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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:

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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