



*Come Ride With Us!*

# Newberry Riders

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION - SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER S

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Hello Newberry Riders,

I hope everyone is doing well and ready to get out and do things. I don't really have a lot to say other than I hope to see you soon at the events and outings. Weather is getting very nice.

We have the SC District Ride Around the State coming and it is shaping up to be a good one. I hope to see you come and join in. Until then, be safe and we will see you soon.

Michael and Carla Ammons, Directors of Newberry Riders.



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## A View of Things to Come?

While at the Florida District EWMA Rally, Buddy wanted to see how the ride felt on the back of a Roadsmith Conversion Kit so Jon obliged him by taking him on a test drive from KD Cycle. Two weeks later, a new blue one is Buddy & Kim's ride.



## **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***

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **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.

#### ***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.

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

## Donations for the Chapter S Basket

We are gathering items for our Chapter Basket that will be donated to the SC District for raffle next month. Our theme is **Salute the Troops**, so anything military, SC, patriotic, American related items that fit the theme will be greatly appreciated. Money and gift cards are always a great option. Give items to Kim or Donna & we will put the basket together. The better our basket looks, the more tickets we get, and our chance of winning money for the chapter is great!

## 2025 EWMA Region A Rallies

TN District Rally <i>America the Beautiful</i>	Apr 24-26, 2025 Holiday Inn	Johnson City
SC District Rally <i>Salute to the Troops</i>	May 15-17, 2025 Kyzer Firehouse Conf Ctr	Newberry
GA District Rally <i>Beach Bash</i>	Jun 5-7, 2025 Yonah Event Ctr	Helen
AL District Rally <i>Roaring 20's</i>	Jun 26-28, 2025 Clarion Inn	Sheffield
EWMA Rendezvous	Aug 28-30, 2025	Ft Smith AR
NC District Rally <i>Back to the Smokies!</i>	Sep 25-27, 2025 Clarion Point Hotel	Sylva
MS District Rally <i>EWMA...The New Frontier</i>	Oct 16-18, 2025 St Martin Community Center	Biloxi



## Florida District Rally Pictures



SC Folks had a great time enjoying Alabama Talent (or lack of), winning corn hole baseball, and Donna winning Worst Poker Hand.





The first weekend of March Jon Horning, Russell Hawkins, and Michael Ammons joined others from other chapters for an overnight trip to the Tail of the Dragon. The weather was great for the ride up Saturday morning. We did have to stop in Robbinsville, NC to fix a tire and check fuse on another bike. Had a great ride on the Dragon and got back to Robbinsville for Mexican food for dinner.

After a good night sleep we woke up to 28 degree temperature. A few bikes had to be jumped off to start. Jon Horning and myself, along with Jimmy Kruse decided to brace the cold and do the Cherochala Skyway before heading home. Great ride. I think it will be better in warm weather. I hope you enjoy the pictures.

Thanks. Michael Ammons



## SC EWMA Ride Around the State

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 three other bikes at Exit 5 near Campobello. These five 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.

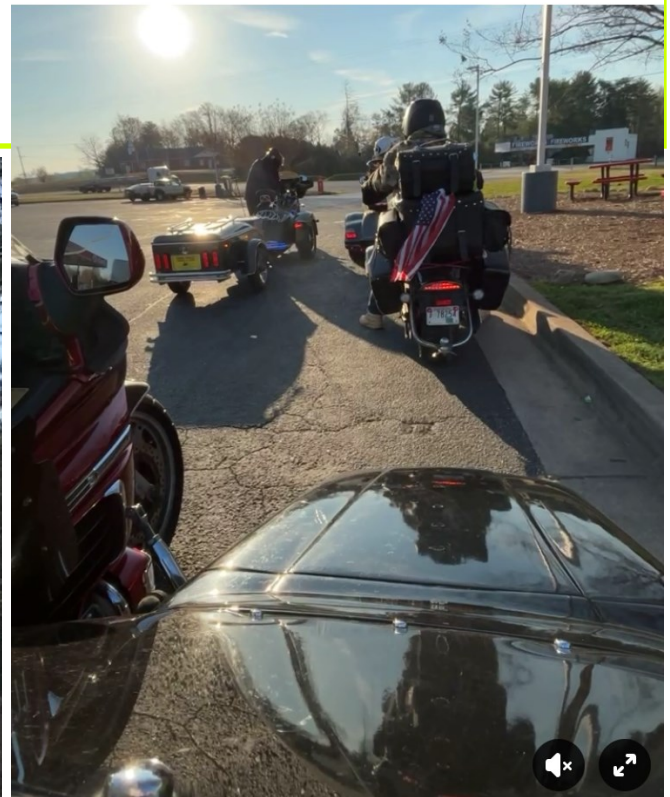
After a delicious buffet we left North Augusta with 22 bikes, trikes, sidecar rig and one convertible. We split into two groups for safety reasons and headed toward Hilton Head. Our group had some gravel and a detour to contend with but finally made it to the Red Roof Inn about 6:30. It was a long but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

Day Two started at 9:00 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 additional pictures on the next page.

Kim & Buddy Summer

Chapter S Newsletter Editor





Ride Around the State



# April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Dinner Ride El Poblano Clinton 6:30 pm	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 Gathering at Roma's 1 pm
20 Easter	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Chapter S Campout at Dreher Island SP		
				TN District Rally at Johnson City		
27	28	29	30			

# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Carol Burrell	3
4	5 Jon Horning	6 Dinner Ride Characters on 76 6:30 pm	7	8	9	10 American Legion Breakfast Greenville 9:30
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
				SC District EWMA Rally at Newberry		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31

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:**

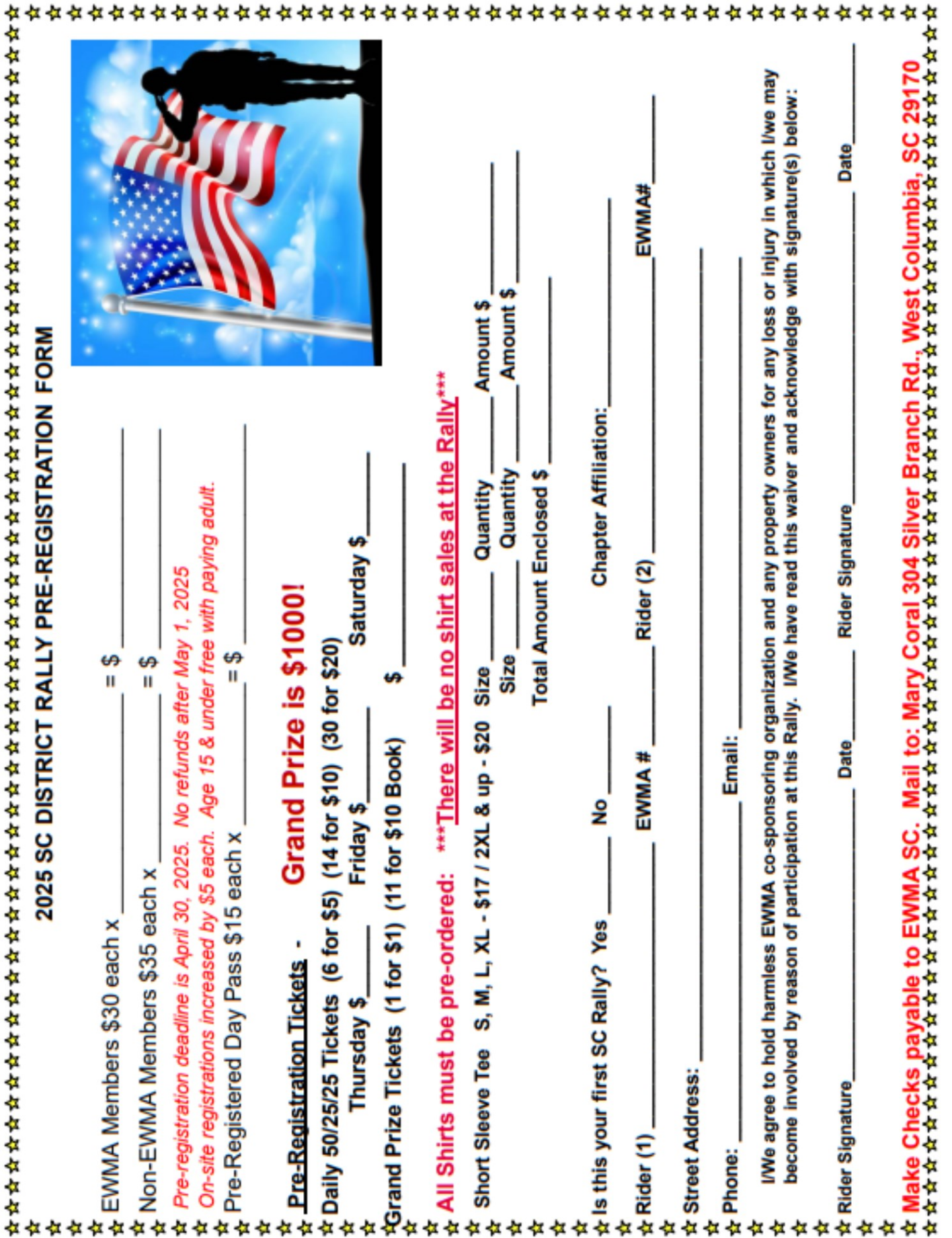
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For More Details, Check us out at: <http://www.ewmasc.org>





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**