



## South Carolina District Newsletter

### May 2025

I hope everyone is as excited about our upcoming Rally as I am. Your district team has been working very hard to make sure you have a good time. Thursday night there will be a pizza party. Friday night we will have an ice cream social and a costume contest. I promise there will be plenty of laughs. Saturday from 10-12 there will be cornhole baseball, compliments of Roy Bryant from NC district. If you've never played or seen it, you're in for a good time.

May is motorcycle awareness month; please do all you can to spread the word about motorcycles. The more we talk about it and try to educate not only the public but our friends and family the safer the roads will be for all of us.

Now is the time to get out and ride; the weather has been perfect in my opinion; cool in the mornings and not too awful hot in the afternoons. If you're looking for others to ride with check out your District Calendar and see what other chapters are doing. I guarantee you can find a ride every single week. This is a good way to make new friends and spend time with old friends.

Thank you,

Jon & Donna Horning

EWMA-SC District Directors





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I hope everyone is getting ready for the South Carolina Rally. If you have not registered please do so as soon as possible. There will be lots of fun with friends and things to do.

I hope all that went on the Round the State Ride had a good time. Please check out the SC District Website to stay up on all the events happening around the state and what each chapter is doing. Like I have said before please get out and support your chapter and even other chapters events. Remember people work hard on these events and take time to plan them, so support them even if you just show up for a few minutes or miles. Thanks for your time and hope to see all of you at the rally.

Jimmy Kruse

Assistant Director

The weather has been great for nice bike rides. Get out and enjoy some two wheel therapy. Hope to see everyone at the rally.

Carla Ammons

Assistant Director





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### **“ Batter Up”**

There will be an opportunity to watch and participate in baseball corn hole at the South Carolina rally. If you have never experienced this fun time, you are in for a treat! I first saw this game in Knoxville, TN at the Rendezvous. There was so much excitement and laughter. It is definitely a twist on the game of corn hole.

We are all very excited to see everyone at the rally. There will be lots of activities and fun for the entire family. Mark your calendar for May 15th! See you in historic Newberry SC! Ride often, ride safe!

Susan Kruse  
Events Coordinator

Spring has sprung and so has the riding weather! With that comes the Rally! Come one, come all. Have some fun and go on some rides with your friends. Hope to see you there!

Jean Kitko  
Events Coordinator







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### Mastering Motorcycle Lane Positioning: A Key to Safety

As motorcyclists, our safety on the road is paramount. One of the most effective ways to enhance our visibility and control is through strategic lane positioning. By understanding and utilizing the three primary positions within a lane—left, center, and right—we can navigate traffic more safely and assertively.

### Understanding the Three Lane Positions

Each lane can be divided into three sections:

- **Left Position:** Ideal for maximizing visibility to oncoming traffic and preparing for right-hand turns. It's also beneficial when approaching intersections or navigating curves.
- **Center Position:** Offers balanced visibility and spacing from hazards on both sides. It's suitable for straight roads with steady traffic flow. However, be cautious of oil drips and debris that often accumulate here.
- **Right Position:** Useful for avoiding obstacles on the left or center, and for passing slower vehicles. It also improves visibility in left-hand curves and when near parked cars or road shoulders.

### Practical Tips for Effective Lane Positioning

1. **Maximize Visibility:** Position yourself where other drivers can see you clearly, especially at intersections or when riding near large vehicles.
2. **Avoid Blind Spots:** Stay out of other vehicles' blind spots, particularly trucks and buses. If you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you.
3. **Maintain a Safe Distance:** Keep a safe following distance to allow time to react to sudden stops or obstacles. A general rule is to maintain at least a 3-second gap, increasing to 4-5 seconds behind larger vehicles. ([10 Lane Positioning Tips - Women Riders Now](#))
4. **Adapt to Conditions:** Adjust your lane position based on road conditions, traffic flow, and weather. For example, in wet conditions, avoid the center position where oil and debris accumulate. ([Motorcycle Lane Position Strategies for Two-Lane Roads | Harley-Davidson® Insurance](#))
5. **Communicate Intentions:** Use your lane position to signal your intentions to other road users. For instance, moving to the left position can indicate you're preparing to pass, while shifting to the right can suggest you're preparing for a right turn. ([Proper Motorcycle Lane Positioning – ADV Motorcycle Adventures & More](#))

### Lane Positioning in Group Rides

When riding in a group, maintaining a staggered formation is crucial. This allows each rider to have a clear line of sight and enough space to maneuver. The general rule is:

- **Lead Rider:** Left position ([Enhancing Safety and Control Through Effective Lane Positioning - Two Wheel Tribe](#))
- **Second Rider:** Right position
- **Third Rider:** Left position ([Motorcycle Lane Position Strategies for Two-Lane Roads | Harley-Davidson® Insurance](#))

This pattern continues, ensuring that each rider has a safe distance from the others and can react to hazards independently. ([Ride Within Your Abilities - California DMV](#))

### Conclusion

Mastering lane positioning is an essential skill for every motorcyclist. By staying aware of your surroundings and adjusting your position accordingly, you can enhance your safety and confidence on the road. Remember, your lane position is not just about comfort—it's a proactive strategy to protect yourself and communicate with other drivers.

Ride safe, ride smart, and always be visible.

Richard Kitko, Safety Ride Coordinator





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It's getting to be SC Rally Time! I'm excited and busy getting things ready: I've finished one quilt, one afghan, and working on another quilt to be given away at the Rally. I've finished a word search and a trivia sheet to go in your registration packets and putting together a super chapter basket for our chapter, plus donating items to the game room. Jon said he wants every basket donated to win a portion of the proceeds. This will give a little something back to the chapters. Great idea, Jon. We're going to feed you Thursday night, ice cream and costumes Friday night, and give-aways every day. The team has some great rides planned, so come join the fun. See you on May 15th.

Ride Safe,  
Kim Summer  
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  
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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**

