



May 2025 Newsletter



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Chapter P Gathering Information

May 10, 2025

9:00 AM

Lizard's Thicket

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Lexington, SC



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The Chapter That Rides...

CHAPTER DIRECTORS JOHN & CINDY WOOD



MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

Folks, you can tell we're entering the riding and rally season. May has been designated a Motorcycle Awareness Month while it seems like every group, town, and organization is hosting an event. Well, we can't make them all, but it's time to get out and get involved. This will help get the word out on our Chapter and EWMA and may even help get more folks involved. As we move forward into May and in addition to all the things going on we're looking forward to the SC Rally, May 15-17 in Newberry. If you haven't pre-registered, please do as soon as you can, even if it's only for one day.

There are things each Chapter is expected to do as their part to make the Rally a success. Each is expected to supply door prizes and refreshments for the Hospitality Room, and participating in providing a Chapter Basket. The Chapter usually gets door prizes from Sponsors or Members, purchases snacks from Chapter funds, but we rely on donations from our Members to complete the Chapter Basket. If you have a donation, bring items for the basket to any Chapter event. The theme is "Salute to the Troops". Again, we need donations, gift cards, etc. Let's come together and shine as a Chapter with top numbers and participation in the Rally events so visitors from around the Region leave with a positive view of our District. In addition, we'll need two Chapter Members to volunteer to work the rally for two hours each day.

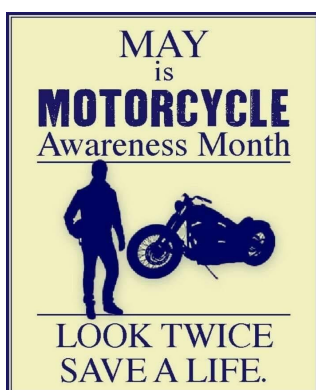
Along with the Rally we're also participating in the Tour of Honor Ride, for the 9th year on May 3 & 4, we're also looking to take a ride after our Gathering on the 10th to Winnsboro for the Wings & Wheels Air Festival, but for those who'd prefer to go to the Poultry Festival it'll be in Batesburg. The Myrtle Beach Bike Week will also be in full swing. Holidays for May include Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day. We're looking into planning a mountain/camping trip too. Keep your eyes open for more things happening as we move through summer. If you haven't done your spring maintenance on your bike, it's time to get it done so you'll be ready to ride. Take a look at the "Dates to Remember". Our Chapter members had a busy April beginning with the Annual Chili Cookoff hosted by Danny & Christy Hoover. Thanks! Also, Congrats to Rick & Linda Ventresco on being named the 2025 Chili Masters. We welcomed a good crowd at our Gathering to mark the 28th Anniversary of Chapter P. The turnout for Chapter Dinner at the Ocean View Seafood Restaurant was great. Good meal with great friends. Our Chapter members traveled to Prosperity to visit with Chapter S (Newberry). Mike Ammons, the Chapter Director stepped down and we'd like to Thank Mike for all he's done and wish him well. Our final event for April was our Retiree Ride to the Aiken Train Museum with lunch at Duke's BBQ. We had a small group, but had a good ride and enjoyed spending time catching up. Now, onto new adventures,

**** Looking for someone to serve as Chapter Director, or Assistant Director. Get with me. ****

We have a vacant Staff Position - **Assistant Safety/Ride Coordinator**. get with Rich Kitko or me.

Until Next Time.....

John & Cindy



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CHAPTER S VISIT



RETIREEE RIDE TO AIKEN



Assistant Directors & Webmaster Bob and Donna Baum



AAs you're reading this, we're busy putting the final details together for this year's Tour of Honor. The ride will be completed on May 3rd and 4th. This year's sites are Bamberg, Mount Pleasant, Georgetown, Florence, Sumter, York and Newberry. We currently have 5 Chapter P members signed up online and a number of others that are going to ride along for the experience. We expect to have around 10 bikes and 16 people participate. We'll try to update our progress on our Facebook page.



Our May dinner will be at Grecian Gardens on the 20th.

Remember, if you have any ideas for Tuesday dinners, or for day rides, please let us know. We're always looking for someplace new to check out..

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

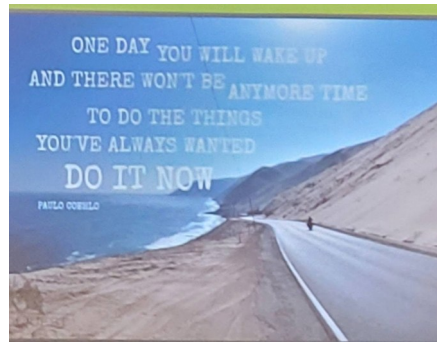
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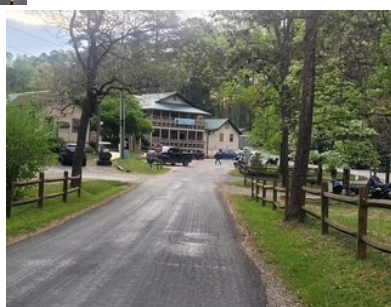
Weekend Adventure

Since buying a Triumph adventure bike and listening to Adventure Rider Radio on iheart radio I found out about Horizons Unlimited Travelers Meetings. This is just a loose knit group of people that get together to talk about and give tips

Group
Ride
After the
Gathering
May 10th
Join Us!



on riding around the world and all points in between. The meetup was held in Appomattox, Virginia. I left a day early and stopped at Willville Motorcycle Camp for a night.



Next day I headed for the meeting, not sure what I might get myself into. I signed in and found a tent spot. While setting up my neighbor tenter came over to introduce himself and filled me in on things. That broke the ice and over the course of the weekend I listened to presentations and had one on one talks with so many interesting people that had traveled foreign countries by motorcycle. Everyone was so friendly and willing to talk about travel. I think I might have the urge and

knowledge to travel to Mexico by motorcycle.

"If not now..... when?"

Richard Kitko
Safety & Ride Coordinator



Dates to Remember.....

May 3 & 4– Tour of Honor Ride
May 5– Cinco de Mayo
May 10– Chapter Gathering
Ride to Winsboro for Wings & Wheels Air Festival
May 10– Batesburg-Leesville Poultry Festival
May 10 Armed Forces Day
May 11– Mother's Day
May 15-17 SC District Rally Newberry, SC
May 20– Chapter Dinner– Grecian Gardens
May 19-22– Chapter Camping/Mountain
Riding Trip– TBD
May 26– Memorial Day
May 29– Retiree Ride– TBD

June 5-7– Georgia/Region A Rally-Helen Ga.
June 14– Chapter Gathering
June 14– Flag Day
June 15– Father's Day
June 17– Chapter Dinner
June 19– Juneteenth
June 19– Retiree Ride

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

Dinner Ride

TUESDAY May 20– Grecian Gardens 2312 Sunset Blvd West Columbia



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Upcoming Rallies

March 12 - 14, 2026 - Florida District Rally - Gainesville, FL

To Be Announced - 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)

