



June 2025 Newsletter



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Chapter P Gathering Information

June 14, 2025

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Lizard's Thicket

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The Chapter That Rides...

CHAPTER DIRECTORS JOHN & CINDY WOOD

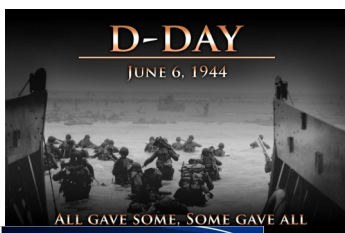


Well we've made it to the midpoint of the year, and the fun is just beginning. I must say May was a busy month for most and now we can look forward to the heat of the summer months. With summer comes vacation with family along with District Rally's on tap, so let's look forward to a busy one. We'll begin with the Georgia/Region A Rally, June 5-7 in Helen, Ga. It's a very nice place to visit along with beautiful scenery and riding. An important day in our nations history, *The Normandy Invasion was the Allied invasion of western Europe during World War II. It was launched on June 6, 1944 (D-Day), with the simultaneous landing of U.S., British, and Canadian forces on five separate beachheads in Normandy, France.* The following weekend will be a busy one, June 14th is "Flag Day", the 250th Birthday of the United States Army, and our Chapter Gathering. I'm sure there are events planned, but weather permitting we can take a ride afterwards. Sunday, June 15th is a special day to celebrate by remembering your Dad on Father's Day. I'm sure there's something he needs for his motorcycle, The Juneteenth holiday "National Freedom Day, will be celebrated on June 16th. We'll also have our monthly Chapter Dinner and Retiree Ride during the month and end it with the Alabama Rally in Sheffield, Al from June 26-28. It sounds like they'll have a good many vendors, i.e. Sierra Electronic, along with Led Light installations, and more (13). So if you'd like to get some modifications or parts you'll need to plan to attend. We'll try to slide in a few more events/rides during the month. Let's take a look back at the events in May, the Chapter started with the Tour of Honor ride. All seven sites were visited by those participating along with other Chapter Members who rode along. Although the weather forecast was grim the ride @ 550 miles was completed without getting wet. We had a good crowd at our Gathering in May, thanks to the Lizard's Thicket for supporting us. We didn't make the ride to the Wings & Wheels event due to inclement weather. The following week was the District Rally. I'd like to Thank the District Staff & volunteers for putting together an enjoyable time with friends, As the Chapter P Director, I was proud at how our Chapter came out in numbers to support the Rally. Next years Rally will be in Piedmont, SC. Our Chapter Basket took 2nd place and the big winner of the Grand Prize of \$1000 was from Chapter P. Congrats to Robert & Dea Groves, our newest Chapter Members. Our next get together was the Chapter Dinner at Grecian Gardens where we enjoyed visiting with friends while enjoying our meal. We'd like to wish Ed Pearson a safe trip to visit family in Alaska. The monthly Retiree Ride this month by popular demand was to Farm Boys in Chapin which is famous for their Pork Chop Day on Thursday. Following lunch some headed home and the remaining folks took a nice ride with a stop for Ice Cream at Peaches & Such. Yes, they are open again-10 to 3, Wednesday to Sunday. There is a mountain camping trip also, I'll cover it later. Enjoy the month & come out an participate.



**** **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



CHAPTER P TOUR OF HONOR RIDE



CHAPTER GATHERING LIZARD'S THICKET



CHAPTER DINNER-GRECIAN GARDEN RESTAURANT



Presenting the \$1000 check to
the winners of the Grand Prize
at the SC Rally
Robert & Dea Groves



SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT RALLY



RETIREE RIDE TO FARM BOYS & PEACHES & SUCH



Assistant Directors & Webmaster Bob and Donna Baum



Ok, this is it. I promise, no more Tour of Honor ramblings. Until December anyway. This year for a change we had 6 couples' ride. Usually it's Cindy, Donna and us knuckleheads. It would have been 7, but Dea Groves was under the weather and sent Bob on his own.

The weather was calling for rain again, so we wasted no time getting on the road to Barnwell. After getting our pictures at the Bamberg County Veterans Memorial, our next stop was in Mount Pleasant. This memorial is one of several memorials contained in this beautiful park. Some of the others include a veteran's memorial and a fallen police officer memorial. This park is under the Ravenell Bridge and is a bit of a challenge getting to. Especially when in Charleston traffic.

After Mount Pleasant the next memorial was in Georgetown. But, not before a stop in McClellanville for lunch at T.W. Graham & Co. Shrimpfest was going on in town so things were pretty busy but the staff took care of us quickly and we were on our way again. Thanks to Rich Kitko for leading us to this place.

The memorial in Georgetown pays tribute to those from the area who gave their lives in service to our country. We got our pictures and were on our way to Florence. On the way, we made a quick stop at the Florence National Cemetery. While this site isn't on the list, we were going right past it and decided to stop in and pay our tributes to the fallen. After the cemetery, we found our way to the First Responder's Memorial in downtown Florence.

We arrived at our hotel in time to get settled and walk across the parking lot to Ruby Tuesday's before the skies unloaded. And almost like we planned it, the rain stopped after dinner and we walked back to the hotel for a good night's sleep.

After breakfast, we were on the road to Veteran's Park in Sumter. This is a small park outside the Air Force Base dedicated to all five primary branches. From there we made our way to York.

The York County Veteran's Memorial Park is a small park that includes memorials to such people as Blue Star families, a memorial to those who died as a result of injuries related to combat service some time earlier and a memorial to the POW's who were never recovered.

Our last stop this year was in Newberry. The Newberry County First Responders Memorial was unveiled just over a year ago and is dedicated not only to those who have served and lost their lives in the line of duty, but also to "All First Responders Across this Great Land of Ours."

Every year there is some kind of electronic issue that comes up and this year was no different. At one point, my GPS just decided it was going to keep scrolling across the screen. Thanks to Mike Coral who took over the lead until my GPS regained its mind.

Thank you to all who participated this year, especially my wife and the rest of the ladies. This year's ride was much more enjoyable having you all there.

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



Assistant Safety/Ride Coordinator Rich Kitko



As Rich and Jean are enjoying wonderful Alaska, John has submitted this article about the recent camping trip to Georgia



Mountain Camping & Riding

The trip began as a wet & foggy day, but we had six members determined to head toward the mountains for a couple days for this adventure. Amazingly after getting through Saluda on our way to McCormick to meet up with two campers the rain had quit. We headed into Georgia and traveled to Lake Hartwell State Park where we set up camp. Thank goodness Jim Wood brought along a big tarp for us to set up a shelter in the event of rain, which came on and off throughout our stay. We headed into Westminster for dinner at Ingles before settling in for the night. Yes, it did rain, but by morning all was good. After breakfast we mounted up for a day of riding. We headed Clayton up War Woman Road to Highlands and took Hwy 64 to Franklin and onto Hiawassee. We did manage a stop at Bridal Veil Falls. We traveled to 300 miles in



The next morning after a superb pancake breakfast at camp, including a special Mickey Mouse pancake for Rudy we mounted up and headed down SC 11 toward Rosman then onto Brevard where we made the turn onto US 276 over the mountain. The road was pretty rough keeping our speed in check. We made a stop at Caesars Head State Park for a little break and sight-seeing. Let me tell you, pictures are nice, but they don't match up to the live memories. The rode surface improved as we traveled toward our lunch destination. We passed Blueridge Motorcycle Campground and noticed the bridge has been restored, but no indication the campground will reopen. We made it to the Juke Box restaurant for lunch before the rain. The food was fantastic and the service was friendly. Had a good lunch! We donned our rain suits before continuing our wet and curvy ride on Hwy 215. We began our traveled back to SC-11 and back to camp. About 225 miles. We opted to have a campground dinner consisting of rice and chicken. Amazingly it was not raining on Friday morning allowing us to pack up for the trip home. As we ventured back our campers broke formation to head their own way home. All arrived safely.

Dates to Remember.....

June 5-7– Georgia/Region A Ride-In– Helen, GA
June 14– Chapter Gathering
June 14– Flag Day
June 15– Father's Day
June 17– Chapter Dinner– San Jose, Augusta Rd, Lex
June 19– Juneteenth
June 19– Retiree Ride
June 26-28 Alabama Rally– Sheffield, AL



July 4-Independence Day
July 12-Chapter Gathering
July 17-Retiree Ride-TBA
July 22-Chapter Dinner-TBA

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

Dinner Ride

TUESDAY June 17– San Jose, 4710 Augusta Hwy, Lexington, SC 803-957-5171



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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 14-16, 2026 -South Carolina District Rally, Piedmont, 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

