

South Carolina District Newsletter



February 2026

No better way to start out the year than spending it on the bike with friends. After a nice ride we met up with other chapters at Trotters Restaurant. We enjoyed a great lunch and lots of laughs and camaraderie. I look forward to our Polar Bear Ride every year, and I really believe it sets the riding tone for the entire year.

The weather has been brutally cold and we hope everyone is staying safe and warm. Our annual Kick off Meeting was cancelled for January 31st because the weather spoiled our day. I will talk more about this in next month's newsletter.

February is looking to be a very busy month; lots of members getting ready for the Wingers and Waves Cruise. Then we have Valentines Day to celebrate with the ones we love. Donna and I will be taking a trip to Florida where we'll spend time with my mom and my sisters. We wish everyone a Happy Valentines.

As always SC District Team is here to help our members in any way we can. So please feel free to reach out to anyone on the Team.

Jon & Donna Horning
EWMA-SC District Directors



January 1st Polar Bear Ride



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Rescheduled Annual

Kickoff

March 7th at Lake Murray Community Center, Lexington SC. Registration/Coffee/Donuts at 9:30 am; Event starts at 10:00 am. Come for a chance to win this patriotic lap quilt. See you there.



SC Ride Around the State

*(Tentative
Schedule)*

Make your own motel reservations. Phone numbers for each motel provided on the list.



Trip Around the State 2026

Day 1			
Start	QT 4597 Liberty Hwy Anderson, SC	KSU 8:00 AM	
Stop #1	Ingles Gas Express 600 Broad Street Brevard, NC	9:59 AM	20 Minute stop
Stop #2	Shroaders Honda 220 Mitchell Dr. Hendersonville, NC	10:51 AM	40 Minute Stop
Stop #3	Golden Corral 2528Chimney Rock Road Hendersonville, NC	11:34 AM	1 Hour stop
Stop #4	Mobile gas 2751 US 64 Rutherfordton, NC	2:36 PM	20 Minute stop
Stop #5	Shell Gas 632 W Liberty Street. York, SC	4:14 PM	20 Minute stop
Stop #6	Murphy Gas 1260 Highway 9 Bypass W Lancaster, SC	5:31PM	20 Minute Stop
Stop #7	Quality Inn 114 Commerce Drive Lancaster, SC Tel 803-283-1188	5:52 PM	Overnight
Day #2 Museum			
Start	Quality Inn 114 Commerce Drive Lancaster, SC	KSU 8:00 AM	
Stop #1	Citgo Gas 130 N Harry C Rayson Drive Mathews, SC	9:51 AM	20 Minute Stop
Stop #2	Duke's Bar B Que 1178 Main Highway Bamberg, SC	10:51AM	1 Hour Stop
Stop #3	Shell Gas 18771 Whyte Hardie Blvd Hardeeville, SC	1:21 PM	20 Minute Stop
Stop #4	Webb Military Museum 411 E. York Street Savannah, Ga Tel 912-663-0398	2:05 PM	2 Hour Stop
Stop #5	Quality Inn Richman Hill, Tel 912-756-3351	4:47 PM	Overnight
Day #2 Straight			
Start	Quality Inn 114 Commerce Drive Lancaster, SC	KSU 9:00 AM	
Stop #1	Shell Gas 495 Highway 601 S. Lugoff, SC	10:04 AM	20 Minute Stop
Stop #2	Citgo Gas 2796 Saints Mathews Road. Orangeburg, SC	11:23 AM	20 Minute Stop
Stop #3	Hong Kong Buffet 2050 Columbia,SC	11:50AM	1 Hour Stop
Stop #4	Shell Gas 18771 Whyte Hardie Blvd Hardeeville, SC	2:45PM	20 Minute Stop
Stop #5	Quality Inn Richman Hill, Ga Tel 912-756-3351	3:59PM	Overnight
Day #3			
Start	Quality Inn Richman Hill, Ga	KSU 8:00 AM	
Stop #1	Exxon Gas 240 S Main Street Statesboro,GA	9:16 AM	20 Minute Stop
Stop #2	BJ Country Buffet North Augusta, Ga.	11:06AM	1 Hour Stop
Stop #3	Chevron Gas 1020 Edgefield Road North Augusta, Ga.	12:16 PM	20 Minute Stop
Stop #4	QT 4597 Liberty Hwy Anderson, SC	2:39 PM	End of Trip

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As I write this article, we have had to postpone the Kickoff Meeting due to inclement weather. If the weathermen are correct, we are looking for 4 to 7 inches of snow with some cold temperatures here in the midlands. I hope everyone stays warm and safe!

With the postponement we are asking the Chapter Directors or Treasurers to send your completed Financial Report along with the Cover Sheet and the December 2025 bank statement to me by either email or snail mail so I can receive them before the 5th. Please ensure all documents are signed where necessary. If you have any questions or need any help, please give me a call.

Rally Season is coming soon, so if you haven't already sent your registration in, please get them to me so we can include you in all the fun. Mike & I are looking forward to going to the Florida Rally in March. It's always a great time to see our friends and meet new ones. We Hope you get out to one of the many Rally's across the Southeast and beyond.

Until next time,

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Hope everyone is doing well. Hope to see everyone at the rescheduled Kickoff. Lots of new information to hear about. Stay safe and warm.

Carla Ammons
Assistant District Director

Hope everyone made it thru the bad weather. We had a great turnout for the Polar Bear Lunch at Trotters Restaurant. I know that several chapters had other plans for a New Year Ride. I hope that each of you had just as good of turn out.

I have been working on my bikes, getting them ready for warmer weather and a great riding season. Several District things are coming up very soon. The Ride Around the State will be a great time. The ride will take us on some great roads and plenty of time to fellowship.

The next big thing is the SC District Rally in Piedmont, SC. Thanks for all the activities that each chapter does.

Please make sure that you add your event on the district calendar. This is a great tool to let people know about things going on in your chapter. Also, we need to get a few chapters some help. Please get with the District Team for more information. There are a couple of chapters that are in need of a Chapter Director. This is a position that needs to be filled so we can keep that chapter active. If you would like to step up and fill these positions please get with Jon Horning or any of his team and we will be glad to help.

Thanks,

Jimmy Kruse
Assistant District Director



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Winter Ride

Do you ever browse the brochures at the highway rest stops and hotel lobbies? One of our members did and found something interesting and also related to the Revolutionary War and Americas 250th birthday. It was the Camden Archives and Museum in Camden, SC which houses local and county history, native American artifacts and a large gun collection from a local collector.

The ride was planned for one of our Thursday Retiree Ride outings. Unfortunately the weather canceled the ride but not to be deterred it was planned for a later Thursday. Well January 22nd wasn't much nicer but we went anyway.

Five hardy riders met at the Sonic for a coffee warmup before leaving, then headed out going up Broad River Road to Route 34 which took us to Camden. It was lunch time when we arrived so a stop at Rush's before heading to the museum.

The Archives and Museum is in a different building than the Revolutionary War Visitor Center which is down the street. The museum has more to do with local history of Camden and Kershaw County. There is a large gun collection that features mostly old weapons that was amassed by local businessman Mr. Ross E. Beard, Jr. There was also an exhibit about the Mexican-American War of 1846-48 about all the men that joined up from South Carolina which was a lot and all of their names were listed.

After enjoying the museum we went outside to find rain drops on the bikes. Like the title says, winter, cold and rain for the day. We all headed home in different directions and everyone got a dose of rain on the way home. All in all a great way to spend a winter day.

Richard Kitko
SC Safety/Ride Coordinator

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Well my new to me 2018 Honda Goldwing DCT is now at Carolina Honda having some recall work done to it before I can comfortably start my new adventures on it. But this brings up a point or several points about proper care and maintenance of our precious equipment.

This time of year is that perfect time to make sure that all those little jobs that we have been putting off get done so that our equipment is up to the tasks of the season ahead of us. It's also a great time to replace any gear that may be approaching the end of its usefulness or purchasing that new item that we have been putting off.

Let's make the 2026 riding season a time of great rides with great friends, and making fantastic memories.

Remember, Keep the Shiney
Side Up.

Mike Waterhouse
District Assistant



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Time to Celebrate!



I looked at the calendar and noticed that our shortest month has a number of special events and celebrations. These include Groundhog Day, World Cancer Day, Superbowl, Valentine's Day, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, and President's Day to name a few.

So whatever you are celebrating this month, make it count and make memories. Some of us will be cruising with Wingers and Waves the second week of February. This is always a fun time to connect with old friends and make new ones.

Enjoy your time with friends and family. Create new memories and stories to be shared.

Susan Kruse
Events Coordinator



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January 2026

Winter, Please!

I'm tired of Winter and the cold. Every time I walk through the garage and see that pretty bike sitting there, I want to get on it and go for a spin, even if it's a quick trip to the store. But no, it's too cold.... I long for the days when we can just hop on the bike and ride. So Winter, please go away. I'm ready to shoot a groundhog soon unless he predicts an early Spring! Stay safe and warm.

Kim and Buddy Summer
District Ambassadors & Editor

January 25th Sleet vs. January 31st Snow & still snowing



**Eagle Wings Motorcycle Assoc.
South Carolina
2026 District Rally**

***Happy Anniversary America
250 years Proud!***



May 14, 15 & 16, 2026

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING:

\$1000

DO NOT need to be present to win!

For Rally Information Contact:

Jon & Donna Horning, SC District Directors
201 Shealy Rd., Prosperity, SC 29127 803-924-5243

**Rally Site
Piedmont Community Center**



3 Main St., Piedmont, SC

Host Hotel : **Best Western PLUS** \$105 +tax

70 Kalyns Way, Piedmont SC 29673

864-552-1420

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.41096.html?groupid=7H1KPK07

Comfort Suites

10 Kalyns Way, Piedmont, SC

864-673-8045

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

2026 SC DISTRICT RALLY PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

EWMA Members \$30 each x _____ = \$ _____

Non-EWMA Members \$35 each x _____ = \$ _____

Pre-registration deadline is April 30, 2026. No refunds after May 8, 2026

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 Tickets (1 for \$1), (11 for \$10 Book) \$ _____

**Let's Celebrate!
Grand Prize is \$1000!**

All Shirts must be pre-ordered: *There will be no shirt sales at the Rally*****

Short Sleeve Tee S, M, L, XL - \$20 / 2XL & up - \$22 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