



February 2026 Newsletter

Chapter P Gathering February Meeting will be held during the Chili Cook-off February 28

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The Chapter That Rides...

CHAPTER DIRECTORS JOHN & CINDY WOOD



So, we have made it into a new year, and the Chapter brought in the new year with our annual Polar Bear Ride. This year took us to Trotters Buffet in Clinton. It was a clear, but cool day but we had a great turn out of Chapter Members along with folks from around the state. At my count there were 36 folks in attendance, but my feeling with this positive turn-out we Chapter P are on track for a great riding year. With that being said, if you have a special place you'd like to ride let me, Bob, or Rich know. We know we'll have the Tour of Honor & Blue Ridge Parkway Rides coming soon.



On a cool Friday morning, January 9th we joined many other volunteers who came out to the Fort Jackson National Cemetery to pick up wreaths placed on the graves of Veterans in December. There were around 11 thousand wreaths, but those who came out had the clean-up done in just several hours. Thanks to our Chapter folks who came out, along with all the other volunteers who came together to get this project taken care of.



We returned to the Lizard's Thicket for our first Gathering of 2026. We had a good sized group who enjoyed a good breakfast and sharing time together. We celebrated Birthdays & Anniversaries with those present, passed on information, past, present, and upcoming. Plans were discussed for our Chili Cook-Off in February. Check out the flyer for details. We had Joyce Bouknight collect the Quarter Jar, along with our 50-25-25 winners were Bridget Jensen and Mary Coral. Congrats to all the winners, and thanks to all who attended. Due to the upcoming Wings & Waves Cruise our February Gathering date will change to February 28th at the Chili Cook-off.

celebrate BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Had a good group come to dinner somewhere new this month. Tonella's Pizza Kitchen. Good food, good service, & good friends. Thanks Donna for setting this up for the group.



GROUNDHOG
DAY

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FEBRUARY



Next up was our Retiree Ride to the Archive & Museum in Historic Camden, SC. Although a little cool we had five members ride the backroads to take a look at an exceptional gun collection donated by the Beard family. The ride up was a little cool and overcast, but not a bad ride which took us by the Train Museum in Winnsboro, SC. With a quick stop for lunch at Rush's enabled us to refuel before heading to the museum. In addition to the Gun Collection, there was also displays for Horse Racing Cocker Spaniels, the Mexican American War, and more. Thanks Rick for recommending this ride.



What's in store for February. February is Black History Month and we'll start off with Ground Hog Day on the 2nd with hopes we'll have an early spring. Just a reminder, Superbowl Sunday is February 8th. There is a Wings & Waves Cruise from February 7th to 14th and with the number of Chapter Members going cruising we will not have our normal Gathering will coincide with the Annual Chili Cook-Off on February 28th. See the attached flyer. Don't forget about your Sweetie and celebrate each other on Valentine's Day. President's Day is another celebrated holiday. These holidays and events are in addition to our normal Chapter Dinner & Retiree Ride. Keep an eye on your email for additional events for you to participate in,
Until Next Time.....

John & Cindy



CHAPTER P

17TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

SATURDAY, -FEBRUARY 28 5:00 TO 7:30 PM



WHERE: DANNY HOOVER'S - 510 ST. PAULS CHURCH RD. GILBERT, SC

Everyone is invited to show off your chili cooking talent for a chance to be the 2026 Chili Master and win the Chapter Trophy.

Please bring a covered dish or desert to share.

COME JOIN IN ON THE FUN!

NO PETS PLEASE

**Assistant Directors & Webmaster
Bob and Donna Baum**



I seem to say the same thing every February.... I'm sitting here looking out at a gloomy January day. It's cold, dark and raining. The excitement of the Holidays is behind us. Any sports I care to watch are over. Har-rumph! On the upside, we did just dodge this year's storm that was going to shut the state down. So there's that.

Only having the weekends, it's been kind-of challenging lately to get out and ride. It's either been raining, or butt numbing cold. The last time we were on the bike was for the Polar Bear ride on January 1st.

Coming up in February we have the 11th Annual Wingers-N-Waves Caribbean cruise leaving on February 7th. We won't be having a Gathering in February due to the cruise. But we will be having our Annual Chili Cook-off later in the month. Our dinner in February will be on Tuesday the 17th at The Brew Pub.



For those looking for new helmets or accessories, Sierra Electronics is closing their doors after 43 years. It's unfortunate because they were the go-to folks for radio repairs. They've got some very good pricing while supplies last. We took advantage and replaced our helmets and Bluetooth systems.

This year's Tour of Honor ride will be May 2-3. When the sights become available on April 1st. we'll start working on the route. I would encourage you to check out the website to see what it's all about. It's a very good cause and we'd love to have you ride along with us. You don't have to sign up online to ride with us and you can join us for all or part of the ride. Currently there are over 600 riders signed up nationwide and 6 from Chapter P

As always, if you have any ideas for rides or Tuesday dinners, please let us know.

Until next time, Fins Up!/)

Bob and Donna



Assistant Safety/Ride Coordinator Rich Kitko



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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Dates to Remember.....

- February 2– Ground Hog Day
- February 7-14 - Wings & Waves Cruise
- February 14– Valentine’s Day
- February 16– Presidents Day
- February 17– Chapter Dinner/Old Mill Brew Pub
- February 18-Ash Wednesday
- February 19-Retiree Ride/TBA
- February 27-March 8-Daytona Bike Week
- February 28-Chapter Chili Cook-Off/See Flyer



- March 8-Daylight Savings Time/Spring Forward
- March 14-Chapter Gathering/Lizard's Thicket
- March 15-Blessing of the Bikes/Greenwood, SC
- March 17-Saint Patrick's Day
- March 28-AirShow/Shaw Air Force Base /Thunderbirds TBA

Dinner Ride

**Chapter Dinner– Old Mill Brew Pub,
711 E. Main Street, Lexington, SC 29072, 6PM**



- Orman Broadway 7
- Gabriel Mills 11
- Haley Mills 18
- Natanna Wright 22
- Georgia Thomason 22
- Ed Abston 26

