

South Carolina District Newsletter



March 2026

Hello everybody, I'm looking forward to seeing everybody on the seventh. Hopefully the weather will be a little better than it was last month and we can see a bunch of smiling faces. We have a good bit to go over at the Kickoff and this will set the tone for this year, so hopefully y'all can make it.

Rally season officially starts in March. I hope to see a bunch of you at the Florida rally. It is one of Donna and my favorite rallies. Not that it's any better than any other rally, but it is the first one of the year and we get to see people we haven't seen for a while. Tennessee will be in April and then we have ours in May. Looking forward to seeing everybody from South Carolina at our rally in Piedmont, South Carolina. Your team has been working extremely hard planning rides and events and something for everyone.

This year we have a Chapter Challenge, and that challenge is to bring as many canned goods or non-perishables as you can. The winning chapter will get a \$50 check to use anyway they like. We'll also have chapter baskets. This is a good time to show your Chapter Pride. You can make it as an extravagant as you like or just something simple. Any chapter that enters a basket will have a chance to win some money; the money raised will be divided between all participating chapters. The baskets the chapters put together are always good; last year the top three were only separated by a few tickets, so be sure to buy tickets to support your favorite basket.

After our Kickoff we will have our Third Annual Around the State Ride. Your safety ride coordinators and assistant have been hard at work trying to make this the best ride they can. I hope you'll come out and support them and have a good time while you're doing it. There will be copies of the route at the Kickoff. If you can't make it for all three days, you will have a copy of the times and places where we will stop and you can join us at any time. As always 2,3 or more wheels are welcomed. Hopefully the weather will cooperate as well.

If you haven't looked at our website in a while you should take a look. Mike Coral is always making changes and giving it a new look so that it is user friendly. We also have a District Calendar that chapter directors can update their events for everyone to see. There are a lot of different events happening in several chapters and anyone is welcomed to join them. If you aren't joining other chapters and are only participating with your chapter, you are missing out on a lot of fun, and truthfully you are not getting your money's worth out of your membership (just my opinion).

Thank you,

Jon & Donna Horning
EWMA-SC District Directors



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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. Lunch will be served. Come for a chance to win a 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.

Motorcycles are going to be coming back out for the summer, please pay attention while driving.
#LookTwiceSaveALife



Trip Around the State 2026

Day	Stop	Location	Time	Duration
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	2528 Chimney 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	5:31 PM	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	10:51 AM	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	11:50 AM	1 Hour Stop
Stop #4	Shell Gas	18771 Whyte Hardie Blvd Hardeeville, SC	2:45 PM	20 Minute Stop
Stop #5	Quality Inn	Richman Hill, Ga Tel 912-756-3351	3:59 PM	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.	11:06 AM	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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I don't know about you, but it feels like February just flew by! The weather was up and down, but there were a few days in there to be able to get out and ride.

Mike & I joined members from across the country on the Winger-n-Waves cruise. It was good to see our friends from all over the country that we don't get to visit with enough. We are talking about planning our own cruise for SC members to enjoy, so if you are interested in joining us next year let us know and we will include you in the plans!

Next Saturday is the make-up date for the District Kickoff meeting. Please bring your ideas about what you want to see from the District and what you want for our Rally.

There are only a few weeks until the Florida Rally. We are looking forward to going as It's always a great time to see our friends and meet new ones. We Hope you get out to one of the many Rallies across the Southeast and beyond.

Until next time,

Mary & Mike Coral
SC District Treasurer

Hope everyone is doing well and getting your bike ready to ride. I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the District Kickoff on March 7th. The Ride Around the State is also coming up at the end of the month. Come to the Kickoff to learn more about things that will be happening and sites we will see and visit.

I am looking forward to a great riding season. Please come out and help support your Chapter and other chapters in events that are planned this year.

Have a safe ride.

Jimmy Kruse
Assistant District Director

Winter is finally shrinking and being replaced by that wonderful time of year - SPRINGTIME!!! For many it is time to get back on the bike, for the open road is calling. But before you just head out on the open road, it's also time to ensure that the machine of your dreams is ready for all that the year ahead will offer. Proper maintenance is the key to making for a very successful riding season. Taking the time now to make sure that tires, lights, fluids, and all the other parts of that machine are up to the challenges that are awaiting. Time spent now still offer the biggest rewards.

Keep the shiny side up,

Mike Waterhouse

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Distracted Riding

We hear a lot about distracted driving now days but what about distracted riding? There are a lot of things going on out on the highways and also on our motorcycles that we need to pay attention to. We already know about car drivers and cell phones and other driver aids. How about all the gadgets and rider aids on motorcycles, especially the newer models?

When out riding it is very easy to get distracted. We have CB radios and GPS units that will draw our attention. Also, the motorcycle experience itself lends us to take our attention from the road ahead to look at the scenery. In talking to other riders many of us have had close encounters while riding, often times just a glance away from the road can lead to a close encounter with another vehicle or the road edge.

Be careful when out riding, increase following distance; three seconds is now the recommended following distance. Not only do we need to watch out for other distracted drivers we need to work at not being one ourselves.

Richard Kitko
SC Safety/Ride Coordinator



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Together Again

We will be coming together again for another “ Kick Off “ event. It’s always fun to see friends and meet new ones. Hope everyone is able to come on Saturday, March 7 th at the Lake Murray Community Center.

I grew up in a household with “sayings”. My father always said, “ Many hands make light work”. My mother said, “Serving others is important” and my Nana said, “This too shall pass”.

The older I get, I realize the importance of these sayings and expectations. As we get together again, perhaps we can see how we can each help out, serve others in our chapters and communities and keep moving forward.

I encourage you each to think about how you can participate in EWMA.

Susan Kruse
Events Coordinator

America Happy 250th Birthday

American Legion Post 3 Breakfast February 21st



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January 2026

Trip Around the State

Hey everyone, I'd like to talk about Safety stuff. When you are riding please think about you and the guy in front of you. If you can't ride 2 or 3 seconds behind the bike in front of you, then please get behind the group just for your safety and others.

Do not let cars come between you and the bike in front of you. It's not safe. People are not paying attention to the bikes.

Jorge Gonzalez
Assistant Safety Ride Coordinator



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January 2026

Spring has Arrived

This time last month we were moaning about being cold and so tired of winter. Well, I for one, have noticed little changes that Spring is not far away. Maple trees are starting to show a little red color on their branch buds and small daffodils are now blooming. Also on the last few rides Buddy and I took, we didn't have to bundle up as much.

Riding Season is fast approaching so we're starting to think about which rallies and events we want to attend in 2026. There's so much to choose from and we're going to go as much as we can, starting with the Annual Kick Off March 7, then Florida District Rally March 12-14, then the Around the State Ride on March 27-29. And then it's on to other events and rallies after that.



Hope to see you there or somewhere on the road.

Kim and Buddy Summer
District Ambassadors & Editor

**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**



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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