



April 2026 Newsletter

Chapter P Gathering
April 11, 2026
9:00 AM
Lizard's Thicket
4616 Augusta Rd. (US-1)
Lexington, SC

HAPPY EASTER!

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The Chapter That Rides...

CHAPTER DIRECTORS JOHN & CINDY WOOD



Well we've entered another season with March really symbolizing the Saint Patrick's Day holiday with shading everything with a light shade of green. On the good side, the weather seems to be improving enabling folks to get out and ride a little. I'm thinking April will be a month filled with family time and riding for our Chapter members. With the Districts, Around the State Ride filling the early calendar for April along with the Tour of Honor site list coming out on the first. We'll work on laying out the route for our ride the first weekend of May, We'll also celebrate Good Friday on the 3rd and Easter on Sunday the 5th. Our Chapter Gathering falls on April 11th. The dreaded Tax Day falls on Wednesday the 15th. Our April Chapter Dinner will be on April —. Due to family plans the Retiree Ride will be the 23rd, with details coming. I ask everyone to keep an eye out for added rides and events that may come up. Time really seems to be moving quickly and there's more coming for May. The TOH Ride, District Rally, & Motorcycle Awareness events will keep us busy. Regarding the District Rally, May 14-16 we'll need folks to donate items for the Chapter Basket, Chapter Challenge (non perishable goods), donations for door prizes, and most importantly, everyone's participation will surely make the Rally a success & FUN! Here a some events our members participated in during the month of March.



DAYTONA BIKE WEEK 2026



EWMA/SOUTH CAROLINA 2026 KICK-OFF



RETIREE RIDE TO D2-POWERSPORTS IN GREER, SC



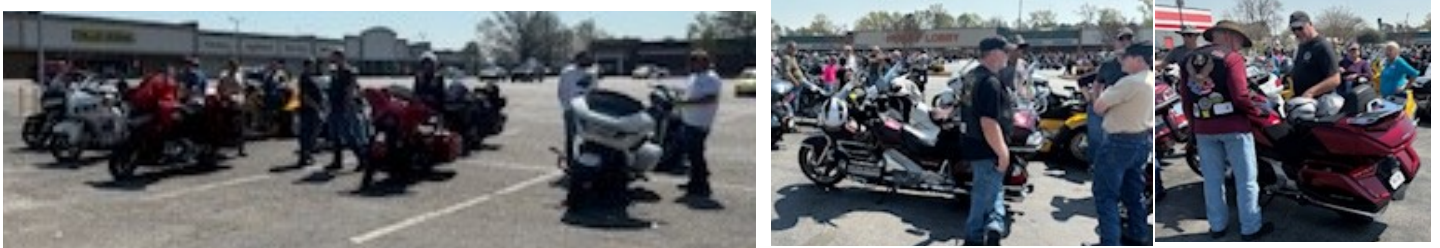
CHAPTER P GATHERING- CONGRATS PAUL, CINDY & BOB 50-25-25



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BLESSING OF THE BIKES-GREENWOOD, SC



CHAPTER DINNER-SAN JOSE'



TEST RIDE IN DAYTONA



Folks, let's keep up the spirit by coming out and supporting as many events as you can. I'd also like to mention, Our Chapter celebrates 29 years.in April. What an accomplishment-Congrats & Thanks to all- Chapter P-"The Chapter that Rides". Until Next Time.....

John & Cindy



Assistant Directors & Webmaster Bob and Donna Baum



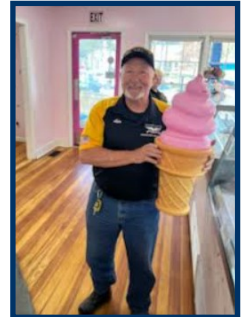
It's hard to believe another month has gone by. By the time you read this the tour of Honor sites will be out and the planning will be started for our ride May 2nd-3rd.

We started the month with our South Carolina Kick-Off at the Lake Murrar Community Center. We had a good crowd with folks from all over the state. There was discussion about up-coming events, the EWMA website and benefits. The District did a great job organizing the meeting as well as providing lunch for everyone.

On the 8th a few of us too a ride to Flanagan's in Aiken for ice cream. We were hoping the peach trees were in bloom but we were a little early. On the 14th after our Gathering, we headed again for Flanagan's for ice cream and peach trees. This time they were quite a few more trees in bloom. At one point we came upon orchards on both sides of the road that looked like a pink sea.

On the 22nd we met up with a group from Newberry to go to a Blessing of the Bikes in Greenwood. There were 728 bikes in attendance from all over the state. Afterwards we went to Break on the Lake for lunch and then a nice ride home.

This month's dinner will be at Mama Henry's in West Columbia on the 21st. Watch for a reminder email. Any ideas or suggestions for Tuesday dinners appreciated.



If you or anyone you know is looking for a quality used bike please let me know. Our 2012 Goldwing is available. It has been a great bike that we've owned since it was new. It comes with many extras— too many to list here. It has only 47,000 mile on the odometer and has been meticulously maintained. Feel free to contact me at 803-767-2644 (you'll probably have to leave a message) for more information or pictures.

Until next time, Fins Up!/.).....

Bob and Donna



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Daytona 2026



Nothing signals the start of the spring riding season like Daytona Bike Week. Several of us decided to go again this year so a plan was figured out and texts sent to see who was interested. Next our camping site was secured at the Daytona 200 Motorcycle Club campground. The club opens their small property for camping for Bike Week and Biketoberfest. They have a nice clubhouse with showers and a kitchen for campers to use. More of a family type atmosphere. Leaving day finally came and we headed down US-321 picking up riders as we went along planning to get on I-95 at Hardeeville. As often occurs, someone received a GPS alert that Interstate 95 was closed due to an acci-

Time for Google maps, and we figured a way to go down "through the woods". If you have never used google for traveling it can take you through some out of the way roads! Anyway, it zig-zaged us down through Georgia and Florida finally getting on the big road near Jacksonville. It made for a longer day but was much better than I-95 the whole way. We made it to the club and got camp set up and got to relax after a long day and meet some of the other riders there and talk bikes and decide on a plan for the rest of our time there. Next morning we cooked a big breakfast on the flattop grill provided by the club. The club used to cook pancakes for campers, but the County came in and put a stop to that so now you have to cook your own but they do provide coffee and snacks. Over the next couple of days we did the Daytona rally stuff, went over to the Speedway and did some demo rides of other people's new motorcycles, checked out the large amount of vendors. I got to demo ride Moto Guzzi, Royal Enfield, Aprilia, BMW but all the large motorcycle manufacturers were there giving rides. We spent our time just taking in the scene that is Bike Week, riding down Main Street, checking out the big gathering at the Harley shop, J&P Cycles, vendors galore, the antique bike swap meet and a Flat Track race on Thursday night and all that is Bike Week. There is never enough time to see and do it all and every year is different. Friday morning, we packed up and headed for home. The ride weather was great, not like last year when it poured rain for the ride home. Like I said, every year is different!

Richard Kitko
Safety/Ride Coordinator



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DISTRICT RIDE AROUND THE STATE 2026

On Saturday, March 28th we had four Chapter Members along with our District Director meet for a ride to join in on the District Around the State Ride. We departed from the Pilot on Buckner Rd. for a cool and windy ride to Lugoff to meet up with the group coming from the upstate. We were also joined by Kim & Buddy Summers in Lugoff. After a cup of coffee and an opportunity to warm up some the group arrived. After a moment of visiting it was decided to split into two groups due to the number of participants. I led one and Paul Wood led the second. Our next stop was in Orangeburg for lunch. We saddled up afterwards for our leg of the ride to Hardeeville SC taking US 301 to 321. When both groups arrived, those heading to Savannah for the overnight stay proceeded on with four Chapter P Members, (Mike C., Rudy, Bob Royer, and myself) heading back home. I remained cool & windy for our return trip, but the sunny weather made the over 300 mile ride fantastic.



Dates to Remember.....

April 1-Tour of Honor Sites posted
April 3-Good Friday
April 5- Easter Sunday
April 11-Chapter Gathering-Lizards Thicket
April 15-Tax Day
April 21-Chapter Dinner
April 23-Retiree Ride



May is Motorcycle Awareness Month
May 2-3-Tour of Honor Ride
May 8-17-Myrtle Beach Bike Week
May 9-Chapter Gathering
May 10-Mothers Day
May 14-16-SC Rally
May 19-Chapter Dinner TBA
May 25-Memorial Day
May ??-Retiree Ride TBD

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

Dinner Ride

Chapter Dinner– April 21- Mama Henry's Backyard Café 940 Old Barnwell Rd, West Columbia 803-951-0405



Ted Hoover 2
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Rudy Bouknight 26



Rudy & Joyce Bouknight 11
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