



March 2026 Newsletter

Chapter P Gathering
March 14, 2026
9:00 AM
Lizard's Thicket
4616 Augusta Rd. (US-1)
Lexington, SC

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The Chapter That Rides...

CHAPTER DIRECTORS JOHN & CINDY WOOD

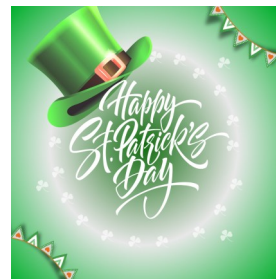


As we close out the month of February with our annual Chili Cook Off let's look back at some other Chapter events in the second month. We began with nine members heading to south Florida to participate in the 11th Annual Wings & Waves Cruise. The weather was much nicer in Florida and the Caribbean as we visited two sites in Mexico along with the Cayman Islands. Some EWMA festivities on the ship included bingo, a Tacky Tourist get together, and a Valentines Party. All in all it was a nice cruise and I believe all had a good time, but as always it's nice to get back home.



*Wings &
Waves
2026*

Next up on the Chapter events list was our monthly dinner at the Old Mill Brew Pub. We had a good crowd along with folks coming out we hadn't seen in a while. The food & service was excellent, and a good amount of socializing and friendship was shared by all. We also met Joyce & Rudy's granddaughter, Lakin. Let's give Donna Baum a big shout out for all she does setting up our Chapter Dinners.



The Chapter P Retiree Ride took us to the small town of Williston, just a little past Aiken for lunch at the Meeting on Main Restaurant. It was a nice weather day for a ride starting in Lexington, through Pelion then onto Williston. After a fine lunch buffet we saddled up for our return trip home taking a little different route through Springfield, Wagner, Pelion, and Lexington. We had a wonderful country ride, good food, and good times with friends. Join us on the next Retiree Ride.



**Annual
Chili
Cook Off**



We had a great crowd at the Annual Chili Cookoff. Thanks to Danny & Christy for hosting the event.



**Congrats to
Rick & Linda Ventresco
2026 Chili Masters**

Here's what's coming in March, it's going to be busy and hopefully the weather will allow everyone the opportunity to get out and participated in Chapter events & rides. Daytona Bike Week kicks off the Rally Season and several folks from the Chapter will be heading south for this event. There are two District Events happening in March beginning with the District Kick Off on March 7th at the Lake Murray Community Center beginning at 10 am. We hope everyone can make it out for this because it's where the SC District Team shares what's coming in 2026, It's also everyone's opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas with the District and National teams. Don't forget to set your clocks forward on the 8th, Daylight Savings Time. You'll be giving up an hour of sleep that night, but it does mean Spring is approaching. The Retiree Ride will be on the 12th with details to follow. The Florida Rally is the first in Region A scheduled for March 13-15 in Gainesville, FL. The Chapter will hold it's monthly Gathering on March 14th at the Lizards Thicket starting at 9 am. On Sunday, the 15th the Blessing of the Bikes will be in Greenwood, SC. I won't be able to attend, but in past years it's been a nice event with a lot of participation. March 17th is Saint Patrick's Day and I'm sure there will be plenty of green on display, you may even see a leprechaun, & if you're lucky you'll find a pot of gold. A day we've been waiting for, the first day of Spring is March 20th. The District has planned an Around the State Ride, March 27-29 with overnight stops. See attachment. If you're into Air Shows, the USAF Thunderbirds will be performing and static displays will be at Shaw AFB March 27-28.

DISTRICT RIDE AROUND THE STATE MARCH 27-29

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 Mitchelle 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

Folks, that's a full month of activities along with the change of season. Keep an eye on your email because if the weather is nice we may toss in a ride of two.

Until Next Time.....John & Cindy

Assistant Directors & Webmaster Bob and Donna Baum



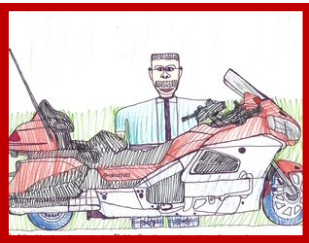
February is sort-of a strange month. In South Carolina, it's transitional. It's not really winter, and it's not really spring. One day it'll be 70 degrees, the next it's 38 and raining. So, we have to take advantage of the nice days as they come along.



Still being a member of the working class, I don't have the opportunity to ride during the week so a sunny, warm Saturday or Sunday is like a gift. Unfortunately for us, February didn't cooperate. We still haven't been on the bike since January 1st.

We started the month on the 11th Annual Wingers-N-Waves Caribbean cruise. The ship left Fort Lauderdale on the 8th returning on the 14th. We had stops in Costa Maya and Cozumel Mexico and Grand Cayman. There were over 200 Wingers on board with more than 20 of them coming from South Carolina. Donna and I were fortunate to have 16 family members on the trip to celebrate our brother-in-law's 84th birthday. A lot of fun was had at the themed parties and word on the street is someone did very well at Bingo.

For March we have the re-scheduled Kick-off on the 7th, our Gathering on the 14th and Tuesday dinner will be at San Jose Mexican Restaurant on the 24th.



Lastly, the time has come to get serious about letting go of our 2012 Gold Wing. It has been a great bike that we've owned it since new and comes with many extras. Too many to list here. It only has 46K on the odometer and has been meticulously maintained. Feel free to contact me for more information or pictures. 803-767-2644 (you'll probably have to leave a message)

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

Until next time, Fins Up!/)

Bob and Donna



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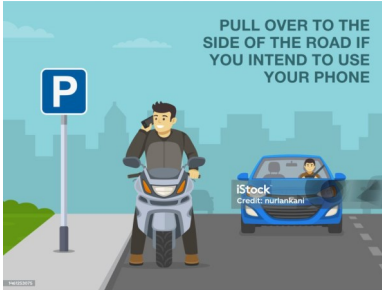


Distracted Riding

We hear a lot about distracted driving nowadays 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



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, in-

crease fol-

lowing 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



Looking for donations for the Chapter Basket for the SC Rally. Bring items to any Chapter event.

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Dates to Remember.....

- March 2-6 Daytona Bike Week Trip**
- March 7-District Kick Off - Lake Murray Community Center**
- March 8-Daylight Savings Time/Spring Forward**
- March 12-Retiree Ride-TBA**
- March 13-15-Florida District Rally-Gainesville Fla.**
- March 14-Chapter Gathering/Lizard's Thicket**
- March 15-Blessing of the Bikes/Greenwood, SC**
- March 17-Saint Patrick's Day**
- March 20-First Day of Spring**
- March 24-Chapter Dinner-El Paso Mexican Reataurant**
- March 27-29-District Ride Around the State**
- March 28-AirShow/Shaw Air Force Base /Thunderbirds TBA**



- 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**

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

Dinner Ride

**Chapter Dinner– March 24-San Jose Mexican Restaurant
4710 Augusta Rd. Lexington**



- Hawk Betts 6
- Kay Rickey 9
- Deb Kelderman 11
- Bob Baum 19
- Bill Rickey 20
- Jeannie Abston 21
- David Robbins 26
- William Jackson 30

- John & Cindy Wood 22
- Elvin & Mary Ventresco 25
- Mike & Mary Coral 26
- Roy & Vickie Winn 2