

South Carolina District Newsletter



April 2026

I'd like to thank everybody for attending the South Carolina District Kickoff. We had a great turnout with a beautiful day and a lot of fellowship. There was a lot of information shared between chapters and the District. If you were unable to attend, please keep your eye on the District Calendar for upcoming events.

The Ride Around the State was the last weekend of March. Six bikes and a convertible left Anderson Friday morning; Saturday morning six more bike joined in at the first fuel stop. After a couple hundred miles some of the bikes dropped off and headed home. The rest of us continued on to the hotel. Sunday morning we saddled up and headed to North Augusta for a delicious lunch at BJ's Country Buffet. From there we separated and everybody headed towards home. It was a great ride with good friends. Stay tuned for the next adventure.

Rally season is underway and Donna and I were at the Florida rally and we had a great time. But for us it was all about spending quality time with old friends. As always we managed to meet some new ones. South Carolina managed to get an award for having the Largest District Outside of Florida. We didn't do so well in the Cornhole Baseball Tournament, but we had fun anyway.

Our SC District Rally is right around the corner, only seven weeks away. We are busy putting the finishing touches to what is sure to be a good time. This is the 250th year of the birth of this great nation and we have special plans to celebrate our nation and its heroes. So come to Piedmont Community Center in Piedmont, SC and celebrate with us. We're looking forward to seeing you.

Thank you,

Jon & Donna Horning
EWMA-SC District Directors



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Annual Kickoff



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Plans are starting to fall into place for the South Carolina District Rally. Hope everyone is planning to attend. We have a few surprises planned this year. The weather has been good for a few rides. Mike and I have been on rides around the dam and other afternoon rides. Lots of biker have been riding a good bit. Always watch out for distracted people. Motorcycles are an excellent escape to enjoy nature.

Carla Ammons
SC District Assistant

Well the Third Annual Ride Around the State is in the books and what a great ride it was. Temperatures went from “Gee this is hot” to “Where is that extra sweater I brought” and at times the wind was just a little bit too brisk, but not a drop of rain was to be found. The Quality Inns were better than the Red Roofs of last year but still leaves a bit to be desired. The routes seemed to work out well for everyone and the restaurant selection seemed to fit most people’s needs.

Now I’d like to hear from all of you that participated in this year’s ride. What did you like about this year’s ride? What could have made it better? What did you dislike about the ride? And finally, what would you like to see put into the 2027 Ride Around the State? Your input is what makes each ride improve and be even more enjoyable.

Keep the shiny side up,

Mike Waterhouse
District Assistant



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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 plans usually happen someone got a GPS message saying that 95 was blocked for an accident. 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 decided a plan for the rest of our time there.

Next morning we cooked up 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 peoples 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 where it poured rain for the ride home. Like I said, every year is different!

Richard Kitko
SC Safety/Ride Coordinator

RENDEZVOUS 2026
FOURTH ANNUAL
SEPTEMBER 3RD - 5TH, 2026
SHARONVILLE, OH

REGISTER NOW FOR EXCLUSIVE BENEFITS

ENTER TO WIN A GOLD WING MOTORCYCLE!
FRIENDS FOR FUN, SAFETY & RIDING

Thu, Sep 3 at 8 AM
EWMA RENDEZVOUS-2026
Sharonville Convention Center

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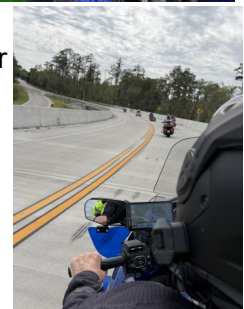
January 2026

SC Ride Around the State

The SC Third Annual Ride Around the State started in Anderson, SC on March 27th with the weather being a little cool, but as the day progressed, it turned into a hot 80+ degrees (only in SC!). The riders left at 8:00 with 6 bikes and one convertible headed on back roads for the North Carolina mountains, Hendersonville and Schoder's Honda. With gas stops and a lunch stop along the way, the group headed out of the mountains

back to Lancaster, SC for the night.

We weren't able to join them on the first day, but met the riders at their first gas stop on the second day at Lugoff, SC. There other EWMA Members joined the group at this stop too and we had twelve bikes and one convertible, so we divided into two groups for safety on the leisurely ride through the Low Country of South Carolina to Georgia. It was a bit chilly all day and the wind played havoc with all of us, the bikes, and about took off our helmets. It was great catching up with friends at the gas stops and again in Orangeburg where the two groups enjoyed a Chinese buffet. I was raised in the Low Country of South Carolina and I really enjoyed traveling on roads that I rode on as a child reliving memories of 50 years ago and some roads that I'd never been on before. We stopped for gas in Hardeeville and the riders that joined us earlier that day departed and rode back roads home to Lexington. Crossing Interstate 95, but never getting on it, we traveled into Georgia on Coastal Highway 17 through waterfowl reserves and coastal marshes to Savannah, then to Richmond Hill, Georgia for the night. We were tired and decided to eat at the motel restaurant and the food was delicious for a sports bar. The Shunamons opted for seafood at Tybee Island and they enjoyed their trip there.



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Ride Around the State (continued)



Day Three started cool too but a little warmer in Coastal Georgia. One couple said they were going to sleep in and then travel to Myrtle Beach, so we left with six bikes and one convertible headed to North Augusta. We traveled through the military post of Fort Stewart and boy, did that bring back memories. I spent 23 years going there for summer camps in the South Carolina National Guard and it was like it was yesterday again, instead of being twenty-five plus years ago. Nights on the Red Cloud Ranges supporting tank night firing training as a medic, hot days traveling dusty tank trails moving tactical operations centers and brigade support areas, and o-



dark thirty stand-to on perimeters just to see the woods come to life and watch the sun rise. Biggest mosquitos I've ever seen, but fun times and the best military training I could have ever gotten at Fort Stewart. On through Georgia for a gas stop in Statesboro. The wind picked up especially in open areas and I had to hold onto my helmet. The bike felt like it was being pushed sideways. When we crossed the Savannah River back into South Carolina, I was ready for a well deserved break. Lunch did not



disappoint us at BJ's Country Buffett in North Augusta.

The food was fresh and plentiful. Some of the best fried green tomatoes and broccoli salad I'd eaten in a while! We poised for one last picture and split up to go home; Jon, Wayne, Marianne, Buddy and I headed toward Johnston and Saluda on Highway 121 and the rest of the riders headed toward Anderson and Greenville.

We arrived home an hour and a half later, tired and safe, but so glad we joined in on the SC Third Annual Ride Around the State!



**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**



**Special Thanks to Kevin, Michelle & Blake
Platinum Sponsors for South Carolina EWMA**

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

EAGLE WINGS MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION
SOUTH CAROLINA DISTRICT



CAMPOUT, PICNIC & RIDE-IN

CYPRESS VIEW CAMPGROUND, SANTEE STATE PARK

Saturday, OCTOBER 17, 2026

EVENT STARTS AT 10 AM

PREPAID LUNCH AT 12 PM

251 State Park Rd, Santee SC 29142

Contact SouthCarolinaParks.com or call 803-854-2408 for camping/cabins

Costume Contest, Games, Prizes, Silent Auction of Items & Desserts,
Scavenger Hunt, Campsite Decoration Contest of RED, WHITE &
BLUE, 50/25/25

**If camping Friday, Group Breakfast at 8:30 AM, Group Supper 6:00
PM, Bring a dish to share**

Prepaid Lunch Registration for EWMA SC Picnic

RSVP to Mary Coral Not Later Than October 1, 2026 marycoral@aol.com

Send Check & Registration to: EWMA SC, 304 Silver Branch Rd, West Columbia SC 29170

Name _____ Chapter _____

EWMA Members _____ x \$6 = _____

Non-EWMA Members _____ x \$9 = _____

Total Money Enclosed: _____ = _____

Are you camping at Santee State Park? (Circle one) Yes or No