



May 2026 Newsletter

Chapter P Gathering
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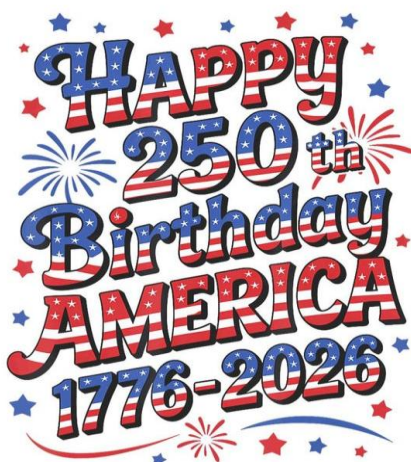
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The Chapter that Rides...

CHAPTER DIRECTORS

John and Cindy Wood



As we move forward in 2026, we've completed a quarter of the year and with May we have a handful of events happening. Just a reminder, May is Motorcycle Awareness Month, and with the weather warming there will certainly be more motorcycles on the road. Always, Look Twice for Motorcycles. Our first event for the month is our Annual, Tour of Honor Ride. We plan to attempt visiting the seven pre-designated sites in South Carolina in a single weekend. We're looking at @ 650 miles in two days with an overnight stay in Hartsville, SC. To rest, refuel our bikes & bodies, & spend time with friends. We won't be able to sit back when we get back with our Monthly Chapter Gathering the following weekend. We'll also celebrate Mothers Day on Sunday, May 10th. This will be our final get together before the SC District Rally, (May 14 to 16), so we'll need to close out the donations for the Chapter Basket and providing door prizes. The Chapter will donate money for snacks for the Hospitality Room. If folks would like to bring snacks to donate, that will help. The Chapter Challenge for the Rally will consist of Chapter Members donating non-perishables for the food pantry in Piedmont. The Chapter with the most donations will receive \$50, If you haven't registered in advance, please come out and spend time with friends & visitors. I'm working on a Mountain Camping/Riding Trip to Lake Hartwell State Park from May 18 to 21, If you're interested in coming along, please let me know. Cabins are available. We'll also have our monthly Chapter Dinner & Retiree Ride. May will be busy, so I encourage everyone to come out and get involved with the planned events. Keep an eye on your email. Let's take a quick look at what the Chapter did in April, beginning with the Easter Weekend and then moving onto our Gathering on May 11th. Cindy & I had a family function, but I'd like to Thank Bob & Donna and our staff for stepping up and handling things. Looks like we had a great crowd along with visitors from Chapter S. Congrats Mary Coral & Bob and Deanna on taking the 50-25-25. I appreciate everyone coming out and supporting the Chapter.



We had quite a crowd for our Chapter Dinner at Mama Henry's. The food & service was great, and everyone seemed to enjoy the event. The homemade ice cream topped it off the dinner.





Retiree Ride to Farm Boys BBQ in Chapin for the well - known Pork Chop Day accompanied by a great ride around Lake Murray before heading home.

Continuing with what's coming up in May in addition to what I listed earlier we'll probably each celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican meal somewhere. The Poultry Festival will be happening in Batesburg-Leesville from May 6-9th. For those who look forward to attending Myrtle Beach Bike Week it's from May 8-17th. On May 16th we'll pay tribute to our Armed Forces, thanking them for the freedoms we have. As you can tell, May has a lot going on. The temps and weather is a great time to get out and get involved.

The Chapter is also planning a Blue Ridge Ride in early June, our Assistant Director, Bob Baum is setting things up for the multi-night ride. Keep an eye out for details. Please set August 1st aside for a couple events we've done for several years, Flight of the Dove (bicycle escort in Clinton) and the Blowfish Night at the Ballgame. Keep an eye out for details on these events. Again, May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and I ask everyone to Look Twice for Motorcycles, take care of yourself when riding in the heat, & ATGATT.

Until Next Time.....
John & Cindy



Significance of the Observance
The primary purpose of Memorial Day is to reflect on and honor the sacrifices made by military service members who lost their lives while serving the nation. It serves as a solemn reminder of the cost of freedom and the importance of remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS and WEBMASTER

Bob and Donna Baum



After months of yammering on about the Tour of Honor, it is finally here. We'll complete this year's Tour on May 2nd & 3rd. This year's sites are in Columbia, Allendale, Paxville, Conway, Dillon, Gafney and Belton. We'll be meeting at the Columbia Discovery Mural located at 1121 Park St. in Columbia with kickstands up at 8:00. We'll be spending the night in Hartsville at the Fairfield Inn. If you would like to

reserve a room, you can do so by calling the hotel direct at 843-992-9898. However, if you have the Marriott app it's cheaper by almost \$20. You don't need to sign up for the national Tour Of Honor if you would just like to ride along with us. Just show up at the mural on Saturday morning on May 2nd .

We have another ride coming up the starting on June 6 th . We're going to be riding the entire Blue Ridge Parkway from starting in Staunton, Virginia. We have made arrangements for hotels in Staunton and Floyd, Virginia and Boone, NC. so far. If you would like to ride with us, please email me at rbaum319@gmail.com and I'll forward you all of the information.

This month's dinner will be at Murray's in Cayce on the 19 st . Watch for a reminder email.

Again, 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 it since new and comes with many extras. Too many to list here. It only has 47K 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)

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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MarchMotoMadness20



The internet and social media are wonderful things that show us things that we could never find on our own. That is how I found out about the 20th anniversary of an adventure bike rally. MarchMotoMadness.

It kept being advertised in my feed and I decided to get more info. I'm fairly new to ADV riding so that is part of the reason for never hearing about it. The rally has been going on for twenty years. Adventure

bikes are hot now days so there is more information out now. Anyhow, in looking at the info on the rally it looked interesting and looking at the weather it seemed like fun. Well, the weather app was different every time I checked but, the heck with the weather, I went ahead and registered no matter the weather. The rally was held March 26 – 29 in Tellico Plains, TN which is a nice area to ride in. I set off early on Thursday for the ride up planning to be there mid afternoon to set up camp. The ride up through the early spring mountains was enjoyable, but I wasn't prepared for the site of the rally. The site was on a side road off of Rt 68 and when I arrived it was a BIG surprise!! The whole valley was full of campers and tents and motorcycles! WOW, bigger than I thought it would be! Found the check-in tent among the chaos, signed the waiver and was directed to the tent camping field. The tent area had a fire pit and a small pavillion. After setting up the tent it was time to get the lay of the surroundings and see what was happening there. This was my first ADV type rally and everyone was so friendly, and slightly crazy. There were a lot of dirt bikes as well as on road adventure bikes. There were a bunch of woods, trails and a hill climb near our camp spot. There was a large group using the hill climb all weekend. There was also a large area roped off that was used for field events which had humps and tires and creek crossings and mud. Just like being a kid on a dirt bike again. Maybe that is some of the attraction of this type of riding, having fun in the woods. There were also a bunch of vendors there as well as demo rides from Royal Enfield, Yamaha and Harley had the Pan Americas there.

I also met and hung out with a bunch of riders from all over. I got to hang out and ride with a group of friends from Indianapolis, Tennessee and Georgia. Friday, we rode the Cherohala Skyway, the Dragon with a stop at Topoco Lodge for lunch. Saturday, we spent the day doing demo rides and checking out the rally. The rally site had a large building they called "the barn" where coffee and meals were served. Food was catered and with the meal ticket you got two dinners and three breakfasts. Mealtime was a good time to talk and meet people from all over as we all had something in common, motorcycles. There was also a stage where there was evening music. There were also lots of lively stories at the main fire pit and There were also lots of lively stories at the main fire pit and the camper fire pit. Several times I laughed so hard my belly hurt! Everyone has a story. There was certainly a large array of motorcycles. The HD Pan America has a large following as well as the BMW GS. Harley just gave you a motorcycle and sent you off on your own on the recommended route! Got to ride a Yamaha 700 Tenere and 450 Royal Enfield Himalayan. There were 45-minute guided rides that included a large portion of dirt and gravel through National Forest. It was a blast getting to flog someone else's new motorcycle.

A great time was had by all, no wonder it lasted 20 years. The venue sold out by Friday with somewhere between 700 – 800 riders. Never did get the exact number. I packed up on Sunday morning, stopping at the Field of the Wood, and then headed home.



Pictures from Rich's trip



DATES TO REMEMBER

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

May 2&3- Tour of Honor Ride

May 5- Cinco de Mayo

May 8-17- Myrtle Beach Bike Week

May 9- Chapter Gathering

May 10- Mother's Day

May 14-16- District Rally

May 16- Armed Forces Day

May 18-21- Mountain Ride/Camping Trip

May 19- Chapter Dinner/Murray's Neighborhood B&G

May 25- Memorial Day

May 28- Retiree Ride/TBA

June 6-11- Blue Ridge Parkway Ride

June 13- Chapter Gathering

Keep an eye on your email for info on events & rides.

DINNER RIDE

Tuesday May 19 Murray's Neighborhood Bar & Grill

2433 Charleston Hwy, Cayce 803-926-1809

BIRTHDAYS



Edwin Pearson 1

Dalton Shull 6

Mike Coral 13

Jean Kitko 14

John Wilkes 31

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