



# Palmetto Wings Pipeline



## FROM THE DIRECTORS:

We hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for that we take for granted.

Thanks to everyone that made an attempt to get the plaque on November 23rd. Chapter J took it home and will put it up for grabs in January. Hopefully we will be able to attend more functions in 2014.

Our Christmas party is December 14th. You are still welcome to attend even if you didn't sign up. Willis is in charge of the entertainment, so you better bring plenty of tissues to wipe your eyes. I'm sure you will laugh till you cry. We have 34 signed up as of now, so come on out and join us. The more the merrier. Directions to the venue will be on the info line later in December.

If we have any interest in a frost bite ride, we will put one together for January 1st. For those of you that are new to the chapter, we have in years past met for breakfast on New Years Day and then we go for a short or long ride depending on the weather. Even if the weather is bad, we can meet for breakfast and start the new year surrounded by good friends.

Happy Holidays.

Kim & Keith Stidham

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TBD

Chapter Gathering  
2nd Saturday of the month,  
Carolina Fine Foods,  
625 SE Main St., Simpsonville, SC  
5:30 to Eat/6:30 to Meet

**FROM THE DISTRICT RIDER EDUCATORS:**

Well, it looks as if winter has finally arrived with the colder mornings and of course the colder nights. That means that we as riders need to get out the riding jackets, the warmer pair of gloves and maybe even the winter riding boots. With all that been said, let us talk about some other factors and issues to be considered. At one of our plaque captures, I mentioned the word deer. As we all know from experience, October thru December are traditionally the heaviest times of the year that deer and other four legged animals come out to play. As the deer population is on the increase, and the urban habitats continue to reach out to rural areas, this will become increasingly more of a problem. According to the National Safety Council, there were more than 530,000 animal-related accidents in 2003, which resulted in over 100 deaths and 10,000 injuries. According to several articles that I have read and studied, fall and winter is the peak time for animal/vehicle collisions, particularly during the dusk to dawn hours, when the visibility is very low and animals are moving about. For your info, a full-grown buck can weigh up to 400 lbs. Just imagine what that could do to you and your bike. Like I said, I have read several articles on this issue, and all the articles seem to give the same response.

- Be especially attentive from sunset to midnight and during the hours shortly before and after sunrise. These are reportedly the highest risk times for deer-vehicle accidents.
- Drive with caution when driving thru highly populated deer areas. Remember, deer seldom run alone. If you see one, then more than likely, there are others close by.
- At night and early morning, drive with high beams on. This also helps see the reflection of the eyes of deer on or near the roadway.
- If you see a deer, slow down and blow your horn with one long blast, and if that does not work, then several short blasts to help frighten the deer away. Do not count on your Deer Whistles, as they have not been proven to help frighten away the deer.
- Remember to brake firmly should you come upon a deer, and remember to stay in your lane. Many of the accidents that we hear about are when people have swerved to miss hitting the deer.
- Above all, do not try to touch or help the deer in any way, as a wounded deer (or any other animal) can hurt you or further injure itself.
- Lastly, if able to call for emergency help, do so, and do not forget to notify the police.

Teresa and I would like to wish each and every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

Until we meet again, Ride Safe and have Fun doing it.

Jerry & Teresa Hill

**"HAPPENINGS" FROM THE HORMELLS**

**Assistant Chapter Directors Tim & Miriam**

Plaque Attack - 15 members of chapter "E" attended the Plaque Attack in Newberry, SC on November 23rd. This was a good representation for our chapter; we came in second again! We are going to keep trying until we capture that plaque! Chapter "J" of Myrtle Beach captured the plaque. The next plaque attack will be January 25, 2014 in Myrtle Beach.



Chapter "E" was in the Simpsonville Christmas Parade on Dec 1st. We had 19 bikes and 30 people. Our bikes were all decorated and looked great! Everyone had a fun time!



Hope that everyone is planning to attend our Christmas Party on Dec14th at 5:00 pm at JB Days race car museum in Easley, SC. Please bring a \$15.00 gift and a dessert.

**FROM MEC:**

First of all we would like to welcome Dennis and Vicki Sargent to Chapter E. They joined us at our November meeting. We look forward to them getting involved in our activities.

At our meeting in November we had 45 members and 11 visitors. I think that is the largest number we have had in a while. Let's keep inviting others bike riders to join us.

Our friendship dinners had good attendance.

November 5th at Olive Tree we had 21 members and 4 visitors  
November 12th at Dela Ventura we had 18 members and 5 visitors  
November 19th at Jason's Deli we had 17 members and 3 visitors  
November 26th at K&W we had 14 members.

As a reminder please keep a check on your membership card to see when you are due for renewal.

Peggy Holder

*MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!*

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**December Birthdays**

Michael Kucko - Dec. 1

Geoff Hatton - Dec. 15

Becky Lees - Dec. 18

Ron Lees - Dec. 18

Vickie Sargent - Dec. 23

Jackie Dunagin - Dec. 27

Frank Wells - Dec. 30

**December Anniversaries**

Lyle Watson - Dec. 10

Ken & Vanna Taylor - Dec. 18

Tim & Miriam Hormell - Dec. 19

