

SIDETRACKS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GEORGIA SIDECAR CLUB ~~~ Fall 2018

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From the President:

Hi all, normally write about how the weather is getting nice and cool and we can enjoy our rigs even more, not so much this year. It's still hot, so if you don't like cool weather, well, here is your chance to haul the rig out and enjoy it in the heat a little while longer. We all have friends and even a few members in the Florence affected areas of the Carolinas, please keep those folks and their neighbors in your thoughts and prayers. Anyone who was in Macon in 1994 knows a little of what they have ahead of them. A lot of the Ural crowd is military and based around Fayetteville. Already read one story of someone's rig that went under in the flood and has already been rehabbed and on the road. That guy is lucky, a lot won't be as lucky. All have one helluva mess to clean up.

Folks we have a lot coming in the next few weeks. Probably before this comes out, we have friends having events in the North East, the Ural folks have a rally in Asheville, (that is still on). A little later in November Overland Expo is having an event in Asheville for the 1st time for the off road set. We have a middle Friday camp out and then our Christmas party coming up! And then in January we start off the year with our annual and ever so politically incorrect Choose Your Hero "Glamp" Out (since we got smart and moved it indoors, effectively stalling winter in Royston, methinks). There is plenty to do all we need are some folks to join a few more of us to make them all a large time. For the November Middle Friday Camp out we are going back to Hamburg State Park, one of our favorites. Why? Because it is kinda remote but not so far from civilization to be a pain. Nice small park but not real popular with the masses so pretty much always a quiet place to camp and getting anything is a bit of a haul, but an easy one. Come on out folks, have some fun with your club members. All of these offer a great break from all the holiday and family stuff we are about to be subjected to (or may be subject others too) in the next few months.

Is it too early to talk about the rally? Our 25th Annual Rally? Does anyone know of a place where we can have field events in that area? That would be beyond great. Do not know if Frank was able to buy the property adjacent to his, so right now, we still don't have a place. Know an old member (sorry, can't see his face, but name completely escapes me) offered a few years ago, then never heard about it again. Field events offer a thing to do and a thing to entertain the masses, what could be better? Would really like to make the rally this year a big deal. Going to start the marketing efforts in earnest in January. Will need some help on that one. There are places you all go that I cannot or do not on the internet that we could put posts up about the rally along with the new flyer I am putting together right now. Have not yet decided on GROPE's fate, input needed on that one, I just don't know. Will discuss that at the next Ural rally I attend to see if there is any interest and we can discuss at Hamburg and the Christmas Party. Will still plan a dual sport ride (even if I ride Red up, can still plan the ride) so if there is interest, one or two will be available. Is there any interest in a group ride on the area's roads? Do we want to plan on having a group feed this year or let it just sort of happen like last year?



Carl Schantz with "The Crapper"

One last thing, Ride For Kids participants, it is NEVER too early to start getting your donations together for the 2019 ride. You can go to the PBTF web site and get it all set up along with a lot of information on how. This is the charity event many of us attend every year. Know some of you do not do group rides for a variety of reasons, that's fine, as long as you are willing to open up your hearts and wallets to the kids. Was going to list who goes, well that got out of hand, let's just say there are a lot of members at this, the more the merrier. All you have to do is sign up, get or make some donations and show up to ride and eat. It's a really nice way to spend a Sunday morning and if you are a church goer, like me, trust me, you get a free pass on missing Church for this one... Oh, and if for nothing else, our old dearly departed friend Carl Schantz was a huge part of this from day one, can you please join us in his memory Summer 2019? It's the week before our rally, so you rig should be in good shape!

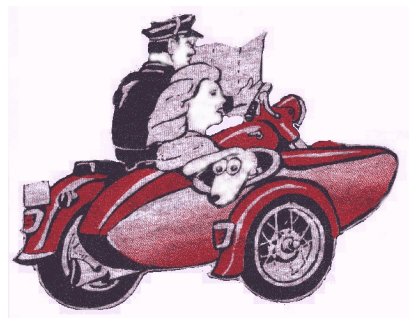
Ok, that's all I have this time, keep on riding folks! All stay safe...

James

From the Vice President:

Our next Middle Friday Campout will be November 16-18 at Hamburg State Park in middle Georgia. I have reserved site 20. Reservations are site specific and may be made at the Georgia State Parks website or at 1(800)-864-2602. Come out and enjoy a weekend of quiet fun before the holidays--it may be your last chance to relax.

Eddie



Georgia Sidecar Club Christmas Party

Van & Sharon have taken on the organization of our Christmas Party this year. Details below:

Happy Holidays! Reservations have been made at Filet Steak and Seafood in Greensboro, GA. <https://www.filetsteakandseafood.com>

Date: Saturday, December 15, 2018

Time: 1:00-3:00

Address: 1000 Parkside Main Ste #101, Greensboro, GA

Phone: (706) 453-2980

It's off I-20 at GA 44, (a/k/a Lake Oconee Parkway)

Cabins at Hard Labor Creek anyone?

Cabins have 2 bedrooms One bedroom with on Queen size bed and the other bedroom has 2 queen size beds, \$165 per night.

RSVP for cabins by October 1 to Van. wvnichols@yahoo.com or 404-284-5251 and be sure to leave a message.

Van receives a disable GA Veteran's discount.

Thanks!

Van and Sharon

Coming Events:

June 6-9, 2019: HOWDY SUMMER!!! -- Whispering Pines Campground at:
<http://www.whisperingpinescampground.com/index.htm> or call them at: **(706) 374-6494**

September 28 - 30, 2018: NEMG Club/NE-3-Wheeler Rally/Gathering - see rally flyer.

October 18 - 21, 2018: Biketoberfest, Daytona Beach, Florida

November 16-18: Middle Friday Campout at Hamburg State Park in middle Georgia.

Borrowed from the Northeast 3 Wheelers:

Dale's Tales:

Hello 3-Wheelers,

For some time my friend Ken Africano had been suggesting to me that we get a few sidecars together and plan a ride to the Toy maker's Café located in Falls Village CT. an eatery, which is a popular destination for motorcyclists. Ken had been telling us that the owner of the café has a side business in a barn behind the cafe selling British parts along with some British motorcycles and on the days when he's not too busy he's more than happy to show his customers around. Hearing this, I was really looking forward to checking this place out. Sunday August 5th Mother Nature finally gave us a break and turned off the faucet so I met Dennis Cardin and his wife Debbie and we headed out to Ken's house in Granville MA. Dennis had his Goldwing 1200 / California FS3, I brought along my Valkyrie 1500/Watsonian Oxford and Ken had his factory Harley Davidson rig with each rig having a distinctively different look. When we left Granville, Ken lead us on an enjoyable ride over the MA. border and onto some scenic roads in Northwest Ct. upon arriving at the cafe I noticed quite a few motorcycles in the parking lot and as we pulled in to park several gentlemen quickly came over to talk to us and look at our rigs. One of the gentlemen took out a note pad and started jotting down some notes and then he asked if we minded if he took some photos of our rigs and us. He introduced himself as Bud Wilkinson/Editor of the Ride-CT.com/Ride-NewEngland.com website. I looked it up when I got home and found all the motorcycle related topics very interesting. Once we made our way inside the restaurant I noticed it had a British look to the interior and the menu as well. The owner was working the grill and his wife the counter and they were extremely busy. It soon became apparent to us that we were going to have to wait awhile (1 hr) for our food. We also realized that we weren't going to be able to peek in the barn on this day. I ordered the English banger platter and it was well worth the wait. Delicious. After we ate we took a short ride to the waterfalls and proceeded home. It was a fun day and I hope we can do some more sidecar rides in the near future. One thing we all noticed is that when you're traveling with a group of sidecars you get a lot of thumbs up and when you're stopped folks want to look and ask questions. Please don't forget our Annual Northeast-3-Wheeler Gathering at the NEMGC Rally the end of Sept. We would like to get as many 3-Wheelers as possible to this event.

Keep the third wheel down, Dale

2018 KEYSTONE KAMPOUT at the Amish Country Campsites near Winesburg, OH – JULY 26-29 WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS. = THURSDAY = Tas & I stopped at the Dutch Host Inn where we stayed & unloaded the VW, then drove to the Kampout. Wimpy (Tas) didn't want to bring my Spyder because he claimed he had enough riding in the rain when we toured years ago. There were approx. 35 in attendance & approx. 13 sidecars, 3 solo bikes & 1 Spyder. = It only rained Thursday night; fortunately the rest of the rally was dry & sunny. The group decided to eat at the Der Dutchman Restaurant around 4:00 PM. We had 13 attending, enjoying way to much good food. We left & followed the sidecars back to the campsite, later returning to the motel. = **FRIDAY** = We ate breakfast at the motel then visited a flea market in Berlin where Tas found his beloved Velvet ice cream, of course we had a cup. After checking out hundreds of tee shirts, we drove back to the Kampout around 3:00 PM. A few more side cars arrived while Kevin & his family were out getting the hotdogs/sausages plus all the other goodies including desserts. Later in the afternoon we had a good meal & a good time was had by all; thanks to the Klages & others who helped. It was good to see some of our old friends & make new ones. What, still no rain? Mark this down, it maybe a new record for rallies. Kevin organized an ice cream run in honor of Harry Walter. = **SATURDAY** = There were over 35 people still at the Kampout on Saturday from North, South, East & West. One couple visited our rally from Arizona. Thirty people attended the dinner ride to Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen. This rally is not a place to diet as the food was soooo good. After the meal the ralliest returned to the campsite, (we got lost going back to the campground, nothing new.) We were wishing our last Kampout would never end. We hope everyone had a good time & a safe trip home. Our Group was very thankful for your donations for the food & expenses. = **WE ALL WANT TO THANK THE KLAGES & EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS FINAL KAMPOUT POSSIBLE. SAFE RIDING & BE WELL.**