

SIDETRACKS

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

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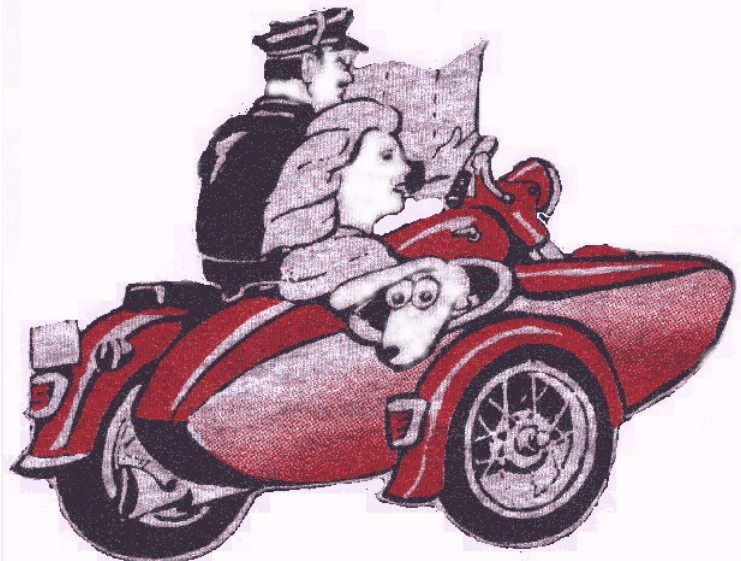
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From the President:

Hi every one! Happy New Year! If you missed the party, well, you missed a good one. Think we all had a good time and I “won” the coveted toilet paper, er I mean helmet holder. Come to the rally, it might be a door prize... Had one of the best turnouts in a long time and there were several of us on sidecars, several of them Urals. Hey, this is a Ural’s favorite time of year. Good to see so many of you! We even had Suzuki, BMW and Triumph rigs this year. It was great seeing so many of you all there, and I didn’t have to say grace this year, but is sure sounded like mine... Thanks Chuck! We had no really young kids this year, ok, only person resembling a kid, besides Eddie, was Sarah Rose. We can take things from her now without damaging her to badly... Yes, a good time was had!

It’s winter, so that means that we have some things coming up. On MLK weekend we have the ever so politically incorrectly named “Choose Your Hero Camp Out” that has turned into the “Choose Your Hero Cabin Out”. Folks can still camp if they choose, but several of us will be in the one and only cabin at Victoria Bryant State Park near Royston, Ga. Want a bed? Get there early or you will be on the floor or a couch. This year, single folks may want to bring a pad and sleeping stuff. Couples get dibs on bedrooms. Bringing spouses/significant others gets you privileges...just saying. Bringing an insignificant other gets you nothing but a lot of grief and teasing from all, including the Insignificant Other before the weekend is over. What do we do at this event? We hang out, folks who are sober stay that way, those who are not, well they/we get un-sober in a responsible manner, when appropriate. We ride (that’s when all are sober), we eat, we lie, we ride some more, lie some more and repeat until it starts get near 0:deer:thirty then come back and commiserate at the designated gathering place. If



you plan on camping, call the campground ahead of time so they know you are coming. Sometimes they have to turn the facilities back on, unlock bathrooms, unblock roads and such as camping is not a really popular thing to do in the winter up there. They are used to us, so tell them you are with the Sidecar Club, they will assume you are insane and have a spot for you. We have found that the lower section of the campground, that is usually blocked off, just go around the barrier, that has the covered shelters is the best place for winter camping. The upper area gets more wind, if you get my drift.

What else are we doing, well officially nothing, but the Great American Motorcycle Show is January 27 and 28th and it looks like Mario and I will be representing Ural at the Bluemoon Cycle booth. John will be at the Motorcycle Auctions in Las Vegas doing his part to fulfill the areas antique bike needs. It's a tough job, but someone has to do it and John graciously steps up and takes one for the team on that one. What a guy, but I digress as I often do. As a result of all this, Bluemoon and John are going to let us have some club stuff out as well. I'll print up some of our membership pamphlets (the same one as on the web page) and have something referring folks to the web and Facebook pages. Mario and I will be representing the club as well during the event. If any of you all come to the show, you can, but pretty sure only Mario and I may get in free.

Now here is where I generally give the winter riding diatribe. Will save you all from that this year and leave it at folks please be careful. There are two things I hate doing, visiting injured folks in hospital and going to funerals. If it snows, hell yes ANY sidecar can be fun in it, but please know your limits, do it sober and be as careful as your hilarity will allow. Hitting stuff when cold hurts too...

See you all at the show or cabin out!

James

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From the Vice President:

The year 2017 is almost over. I hope you all had a good, safe year and that you are all in good health. If you didn't make it to the Christmas party you missed a good time and even better people. Personally my Christmas was fantastic and I am looking forward to a great new year.

Now to business--we have a campout coming up the weekend of Jan 12-15 at Victoria Bryant State Park near Royston, GA. The only cabin in the park has been reserved but is available on a first come, first served basis. It has 8 beds and floor space. Come on over. Nothing is planned but we always find something fun to do.

Eddie

Coming Events:

January 12-15: "Choose Your Hero Camp Out" at Victoria Bryant State Park near Royston, GA – See James' letter for more info.

March 15 –18, 2018: Florida Sidecar Campout, same week as Daytona Bike Week, at Silver Springs State Park, 1425 NE 58th Ave., Ocala. FL 34470. Phone 352-236-7148. For more info. Contact : Jim McManus, 716-450-5834 or e-mail mcmanus1@netsync.net

June 7-10, 2018: HOWDY SUMMER!!! -- Whispering Pines Campground at:
<http://www.whisperingpinescampground.com/index.htm> or call them at: **(706) 374-6494**

June 14-17 : 2018 USCA national rally will be in Rising Sun In. fathers day weekend in June @ the Little Farm on the River campground on the OHIO RIVER across from Rabbit Hash KY

July 26-29 2018: Keystone Sidecar Club Kampout – Find more detailed info in this newsletter.



A really great way to shake off winter, **Sidecars in the Smokies** will continue it's successful run in 2018. Come and join us for a fun filled weekend of camping, bike games, raffles, fellowship, good food and great people. The sidecar rally will be held at Iron Horse Motorcycle Campground in Robbinsville N.C. the weekend of April 26th thru April 29, 2018. On site camping reservations will be taken by the Iron Horse Campground call: 828-479-3864 or e-mail info@ironhorseNC.com. Website is IronhorseNC.com. Make them ASAP, this place fills up FAST!

I found a link to the registration form at: <https://usca.club/sidecars-in-the-smokies/> or you can email Cliff & Noreen at : maconcba@yahoo.com

Rally fee includes prime rib dinner on Saturday night. Pre-registration by April 1, 2018 gets you a rally shirt also. Registration is \$40.00 per person.

This event is hosted by Georgia Sidecar Club members Cliff & Noreen Cyphers, and has always been a well run and fun event. That part of the USA is just beautiful!

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If you need time to slow down and smell the flowers this is the place for you. We try hard to keep a neat and clean place for you. We have 50 RV.sitesand 10 tent sites. Our campground is easy to find. Follow US.62 toWinesburg, Ohio.We are located 1¼ mi. north ofWinesburgon the east side of the road.

In a 12 mi. radius from our place there is a lot to do.includingLehman's Hardware, Amish Door, Der Dutchman Restaurant, and many other things to enjoy. Many of our costumers enjoy using our free map of the area to drive the back roads of our sceniccountry side.

We have nice clean rest rooms with warm showers, public telephone, modem friendly and freefire woodfor campfires in our fire barrels, 20 & 30 amp.elc.andwater at each site. We also have a dump station.

RATES:

One Night with 2 people = \$29.00

Weekly Rate with 2 people = \$175

Extra Person = \$2.00/night

Air Cond. or Elec. Heater Use= NoCharge.



Kevin's Keystone Sidecar Kampout

Keystone Sidecar Club Kampout July 26-29 ,2018

Our Kampout will once again be held on the last weekend of July 26-29 ,2018 at Amish Country Campsites near Winesburg ,Ohio . There are no fees for the Kampout ,Contact the campground for your campsite And pay them for your camping . If you're interested in a room there are some available locally through the campground at nearby homes real reasonable ,just ask them about it . I highly recomend making reservations early as it is a fairly small , very clean , publically open campground . Their phone number is 330-359-5226 and their website is www.amishcountrycampsites.com . This is a nice area with a lot to see and do ,horse and buggies ,lovely farms ,a ton of small business's and craft places and great food everywhere. There is free firewood and we do have use of the pavillian for the kampout .

As in the last 3 years we plan a pot luck weenie roast for Friday night ,with a 50/50 drawing and ice cream run afterward ,weather permitting , to honor our past president Harry Walter . On saturday evening we try to get a dinner ride to either Der Dutchman or Mrs. Yoders restaraunt ,whichever can handle out group. That's about it for the planned activites , other than a lot of story telling and BS'ing .

If needed Contact Kevin Klages at 304-737-1531 home , 304-670-3299 cell or stretchkwk@hotmail.com

P.s. There are a lot of Amish hotels and Bed and Breakfast places nearby ,some can be pricey but all are very nice . For some with Large Rv's [over 30 foot or so] there are rv parks within 10 miles or so , you can call the campground for their recomenations on size if nead be .

P.P.s. We will be there starting Sunday afternoon on the 22 nd for the whole week ,Anybody is welcome to come and visit the whole week or a couple of hours too . Looking forward to seeing many of our old friends again this year .

Kevin



