

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GEORGIA SIDECAR CLUB $\sim\sim\sim$ MAYJUNE 2016

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From the President:

Folks, I had a nice letter all written and ready to send to Art a few days ago, but something happened in my Ural world that stopped me and made me go in a different direction. I'll be brief. You all know how I tend to preach safety from time to time, generally in January. You can never be too careful, ever. I am not the only one who does it. At almost every Ural event it is a big subject and most, especially those hauling families, like most of us, do there utmost to be safe. Sometime doing the utmost is not enough.

This is the Muhs family of Illinois. The boy in the sidecar is named Joey. He and his Dad could be seen all over the place, always together, generally in the sidecar. They are well known in their local sidecar scene. Some of our out of state-northern members may have come across them.

Joey and his Dad Dan attended an open house at Heindl Engineering last weekend, as did many other sidecarists. They are one of the finest Ural Dealers in the country. All was well, good weather, several folks riding together. At around 3:45 riding back home from Indiana with another couple behind them the Ural and an SUV got tangled in a curve. The sidecar got torn off in the accident – Joey died at the scene. That is really all I know. I immediately thought of my girls and Anthony riding all over the place in the sidecar and have been rather emotional every time I think of this. For your sake and your family. Please be careful. Dan is in the hospital in critical condition. His wife was not on the bike that day. Joey was their only child. They have



asked for folks to put a Moose sticker somewhere on their rig in remembrance of Joey. Not a common thing in the south, buy I am hunting for a small one. That and offer some financial support is about all any of us can do. A crowndfund has been set up at https://www.gofundme.com/2hksrqjw or if one prefers a pay pal account using this email address: joey10.and.daniel.accident.fund@gmail.com. If you feel so inclined give a few bucks, they need it. That's all I got, screen keeps getting blurry.

From the Vice President:

Not much to report this month. No campout in July because I was on the road. But a few Georgia Sidecar Club members did make the Keystone Sidecar Group rally in Ohio this year. They included Cliff and Noreen Cypher and granddaughter Shelby. Also Included was Udo Reif, Van and Sharon Nichols, myself and, of course, Kevin and Linda Klages. Some of our Kentucky campers also showed up. John and Jean Kennedy were there as well as Chuck and Theresa Tretyak. Over 12 states were represented.

Our next campout will be at Fort McAllister State Park south of Savannah, GA, the weekend of September 16-18, 2016. Hope to see a lot of you there.

And more news--a room has been secured for our Christmas party at the Swanson House restaurant in Perry, GA, on December 10, 2016 at 5 p.m. Many of us will spend the night in Perry at a motel. Join us.

Eddie George

From the Editor:

There is a fairly new foundation that have been formed in Middle Georgia called Wind Therapy. Their goal is to obtain sidecars to be used to give rides those that would not otherwise be able to enjoy motorcycles. In May they had a fundraiser, but alas their rig was not ready. Kathy and I were asked to help them out for the day. The guest of honor, AKA Scooter was able to ride the entire 100+ mile ride, and enjoyed it immensely! (As did we.) Below are a couple of photos from the event. Unfortunately I have recently learned that Wind Therapy has been experiencing some turmoil within their group. Hopefully they sort out their differences as this group was founded with the noblest of intentions.





The Georgia Sidecar Club Christmas party will be held at the Swanson House in Perry, GA on December 10th at 5:00 pm. More details to follow.

The Howdy Summer was a success once again this year with many of the familiar faces along with some new ones. Thanks to everyone that cooked food, helped with cleanup, donated door prizes, or pitched in in any way. Also, thanks for simply attending, and for your fellowship. Kathy and I celebrated our anniversary during the Howdy Summer weekend, and we want to thank you all for the card, salutations, and the cake (donated by Eddie George). Many cabins and campsites for 2017 were reserved before heading home. Same time, same place for the 2017 event, so start spreading the word.

Art

Howdy Summer Photos





The coveted door prize – a box of knives confiscated by the TSA (Purchased on EBay)

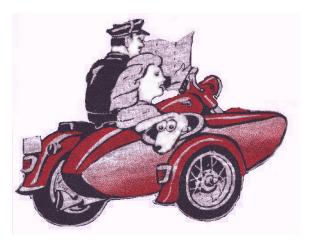














Aug. 5th - 7th: Annual Damn Yankee Rally hosted by The Yankee Beemers, Heath Fairgrounds, Heath, MA.

Aug. 19th - 21st: Northeast-3-Wheelers Annual Laid Back Vermont Campout, Bald Mountain Campground, Townshend, VT. - Contact Butch Cross at (413) 519-0015.

Sept. 23rd - 25th: Annual New England Moto Guzzi Club Rally / Annual Northeast-3-Wheeler Gathering, Camp Stanica, Bondsville (Palmer) MA.

October 13th - 16th: Biketoberfest, Daytona Beach, Fl.



Frank Cabaza was at the Howdy Summer and is trying to sell his Valkyrie / Champion rig. If interested call Frank at 770-942-5221



