

# SIDETRACKS

## THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GEORGIA SIDECAR CLUB ~~~ Fall 2017

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### From the President:

Hi Folks. Yeah, we're late again, sorry. Didn't want to let this newsletter go out without having any info about the Christmas Party, and we will, later in this note from your Pres. Hope everyone is out enjoying our Tropical like fall riding season. For a change all my rigs are up and running, all not home, but all running... Hopefully, someday soon, I'll be able to go down to Florida and get the perfect safe and sound bike that (was ridden down just for servicing and a check up) has been hiding from hurricanes down there – successfully... Speaking of the storms, hope everyone and your families are ok and that whatever calamities the storms caused you and yours are starting to pass. If any of you have a need, for crying out loud, why haven't you said something? Let us know! Please keep the folks in Texas and Louisiana in your thoughts and prayers and keep a special place there for the folks in Puerto Rico who are facing almost total devastation of their Island after the one-two punch the weather dumped on them. Let's hope our leaders don't repeat the political stupidity (on all sides) that happened after Sandy and Katrina...and that is as political as I am gonna get here, not the place or it, if any where is nowadays.

Want everybody to remember to attend and support their local toy/love runs. Know a lot of you don't like riding in big organized (I know, that's a joke) rides for reasons that are, well reasonable to us all. However, not wanting to ride in one does not mean you can't toss coin or paper into the local bucket, find a Church or other folks doing shoe-boxes for kids (they really get to kids who need them, is run by Samaritan's Purse, Franklin Graham (Billy's son) who is a motorcycle rider from way back – bet his parents were thrilled). Anything you can do to help others this season would be appreciated by those in need. We have fires out west, storms back east and you just know something is about to hit the middle... Just saying, lot of folks need a lot of help right now.

I've noticed on our Facebook Page, yes, even though I avoid FB like the plague these days, I do pop in and look occasionally, have a lot of names that I know are not on our membership roles. Those of you who are active on the FB side, please encourage the more local folks there to join the club so they can not only be virtual sidecar friends, but real ones. We are an active club, with more input and active (as in like to move around and ride) we'll do a lot more!

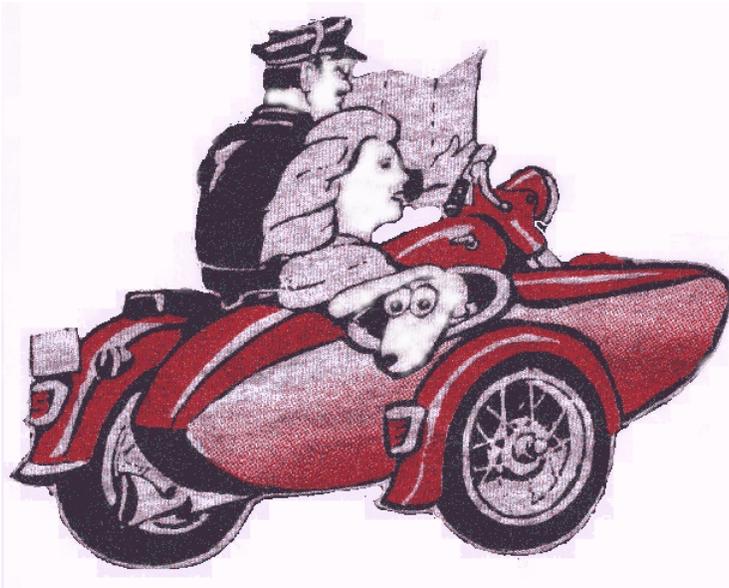
Have I left anything out? Let's see, haven't mentioned that we will be camping or cabining at Victoria Bryant State Park on MLK weekend for our ever so non-politically correctly named "Choose Your Hero

Camp Out". Whether we camp or cabin depends on how many folks want to go and how good the weather is. What is the challenge of a winter camp out when the temps are in the 60's and 70s? There will probably be more on that later or online...

Let's see, oh yeah, the Christmas party. Sent out a couple of suggestions to a few discriminating folks and actually heard back from one...well, we're not going to either of those... Thank you Eddie George for going out and doing the leg work, that I probably should have...(He should be pres... not gonna work, is it?) We are going to gather at **Grit's Cafe, 17 West Johnson St, Forsyth, Ga 31029** **December 16, 11AM until 2PM.** If the weather is nice and folks ride, might go for a ride somewhere afterwards...well, I will at least... Grit's is a local favorite that burned to the ground in 2013 and rebuilt, literally from the ground up. There are adult beverages available, you are on your own with those, but the club will pick up the tab for your food and dinner drink (anything no stronger than what Van or Eddie have...). It is right downtown off the square in Forsyth, on US41. About 50 to 60 miles south of Atlanta and about 30 miles north of me. It's gonna be great. Don't forget your unwrapped gift for the dirty/twisted Santa swap. And same "guidelines" as usual, no taking of gift from someone, young, who may burst into tears as they don't get the concept. They will be designated quietly and quickly before we start (got that parents/grand parents?). For everyone else, a gift is "safe" after it has been swiped twice...or if one of the "designated" grab it... That's it! Stay safe everyone!

James

#### **From the Vice President:**



The Georgia Sidecar Club Christmas party will be held on Dec 16 at the Grits Café in Forsyth, GA. Hours are from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Exit 187 off I-75. The "campout" will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in Forsyth, GA. Exit 186 off I-75. Phone number 478-994-9697.

Friday Dec 15 lets meet at Cheddars in Warner Robbins at 11:00 am for lunch and then go to the Robbins Aviation Museum. Looking forward to seeing some of you there.

Our September campout was cancelled due to the state of Georgia closing the parks to all but Hurricane Irma evacuees. But those people needed somewhere to stay so as a club, we certainly didn't mind giving up a good time for comfort for others. Our December "campout" will be in a motel somewhere close to wherever our Christmas party will be. I suspect it will be somewhere in the Macon/Warner Robbins area. If so, come a day early and let's go to the Aviation Museum at Robbins Air Force Base. Other attractions in the area--the Allman Brothers Big House, the Hay House, Lane's

Packing Shed for fantastic ice cream and, but not limited to, the restored Capital Theater. Will let you know the chosen motel when decision is made. Check Facebook site.

Eddie

**Coming Events:**

**October 19-22, 2017:** Biketoberfest, Daytona Beach, Florida.

**December 16, 2017:** Georgia Sidecar Club Christmas Party & Middle Friday “Campout” (see Vice President Eddie’s report for details)

**March 9 – 18, 2018:** Daytona Bike Week

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

**June 7-10, 2018:** HOWDY SUMMER!!!

**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



**Kevin's new ride!**

**(Needs a sidecar)**

**From the Editor:**

First of all, thank you Eddie for coming up with a great plan for the Christmas Party! Excellent idea planning a Friday lunch ride to the Air Museum at Robins Air Force Base. There is no entrance fee at the Museum, however there are donation boxes if you are feeling generous. I hope that all of you make an effort to attend the Christmas Party. Christmas dinner is on the Georgia Sidecar Club (for dues paying members and their families). Just another great reason to pay the \$20 and become a full fledged member.

The Howdy Summer will be here before you know it, so bring your ideas and suggestions to the party. I think we could use some volunteers to lead rides or plan some kind of group activity. Maybe somebody to get a few rally shirts or hats made. We need your input! There tends not to be a lot of things schedule at our Howdy Summer Event (unless you include hours of BSing), but if there is something you want to do, I can almost guarantee that others will follow your lead. If you plan to attend, you can find the Whispering Pines Campground at:

<http://www.whisperingpinescampground.com/index.htm> or call them at: **(706) 374-6494**

The holiday season is approaching, and with it, the toy run season. Personally, Kathy & I always try to support the one that leaves from Macon H-D on the first Saturday in December. If you have one in your area, you should put a blurb about it on the Georgia Sidecar Club FaceBook page. Who knows, maybe there will be multiple rigs show up for your favorite event...

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](mailto:info@ironhorseNC.com). Website is [IronhorseNC.com](http://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](mailto: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!

Ride Safe,  
Art

