

SIDETRACKS

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

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From the President:

Hi everyone! It's SPRING! I know this 'cause we had out Spring glampout and I rode the Retro to Florida to camp in 40 degree temps. Of course, I started feeling ill and had to head home early from said Glampout and had a flat on the way back from Florida, but digress... We have a lot of stuff coming, mainly the Rally, Cliff and Noreen's Rally, Ride for Kids. For the Ural crowd through in the CRAP rally as well. Gonna be a busy few months, finally. I could put the regular be safe speech here but will just condense it to say take it easy for a while if you have not ridden for a few months and everybody just ride safe and aware, cell phone users are everywhere!

The Glampout was a success and will be covered in detail elsewhere in the newsletter, I hope, as I am horrible with names and will forget folks or call them by a name they didn't know they had! It was fun, except for the getting ill part and Red ran wonderfully. Posted a weird 360 video of the ride on You Tube. May channel is same as my name, easy to find.

About the rally, I will NOT be cooking this year, so we'll have to figure out something for Saturday night feeding. I was actually asked to not cook and to hob nob and ride more instead. I am actually ok with that, as much as I enjoy cooking...I enjoy talking (imagine that) and riding even more. If you have a large coffee pot, please bring it. This group drinks more coffee than an AA meeting! We probably need to see if we can dredge up some cold drink things too. As we won't have a feed being cooked by me Saturday, please start thinking of some ideas. I know better than to try to gather those now, that would be way, way too organized for us. We always do better on the fly... We'll talk about this again later, don't hide if your phone rings and it is someone from the club, just saying... We also need door prizes for the rally. I will attempt to get the box of knives, or something that TSA has confiscated at airports, that seems popular. Anything will do. I have some tail lights that I can't use that I am bringing along with some other stuff I will never use, but someone else may cherish or we can have Eddie box up and send to some random or not so random person. I was going to bring the "helmet holder" I won at the Christmas party, but alas, it has been confiscated by our daughter Sarah and re-purposed as a toilet paper holder. Some people...

Not sure if many of you all know about this, but our friends at Bluemoon Cycle are signing new Ural owners up with the club and paying for their 2nd year of membership to the club. 1st year is on us. I am

not sure how many yet, but that will grow us and that is a good thing. John has been selling a lot of them lately and we'll gladly welcome those new sidecarists/Uralistas to our little group. The Facebook page, that I admittedly rarely visit, is hopping and we have gotten some members from there as well. We welcome them as well!

Now about the Ride for Kids. This is our big charity event as they beg, and I mean beg for sidecars every year. That is the only way a lot of the kids and even caregivers can ride. The Ural community has come out of the wood work for this as have many in the rest of the sidecar world, we would love to see more "other" sidecars than Urals this year! Especially big ones that can haul a kid and parent! I am thinking about riding Red this year, been a while since she has been up there, we'll see. May put a poll up on that on the Facebook Page! So 1st Sunday in June, come on up to Cumming Fairgrounds and join us.

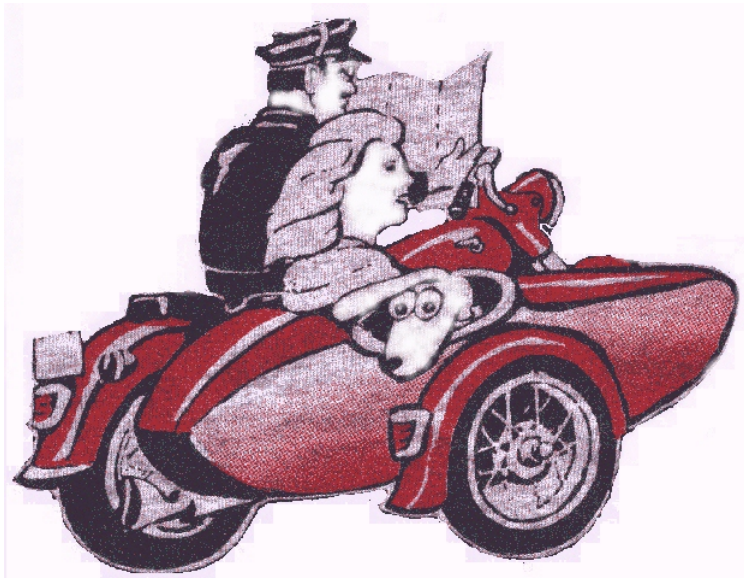
One more thing. Remember our son, Anthony. You know the little boy who used to go everywhere with me? Well, he is not so little anymore, and completed the requirements of Eagle Scout and you all are invited to his Eagle Ceremony April 15 at 2PM at Ingleside UM on Ridge Ave in Macon, GA. Normally one never really goes to see he Eagle Scouts project, in this case, you will! His project was to build the ramp in front of the Church.

That is all I have this month. Get out there on your rig and ride safe!

James

From the Vice President:

We had a really pretty but cold weekend campout on MLK weekend. It was held at Victoria Bryant State Park near Royston, GA. We toured Toccoa, GA, and attended a museum dedicated to an army unit the movie "Band of Brothers" honored. We had lunch at a nice restaurant in downtown Toccoa. Attending were Art and Kathy Rhoades, Van and Sharon Nichols, James Almond and myself, Eddie George. Janice Rinaldo came up Saturday and visited with us.



The weekend of March 15-17 we had a Middle Friday Campout at Indian Springs State Park. The weekend gave us beautiful and warm days. We had Friday dinner at a steak house in Jackson, GA. Saturday we went to Forsyth, GA, for lunch at Grits Café. Lunch was free for all but one member. Thanks Van. After lunch we rode to the Peach Festival outside Fort Valley, GA, at Lane's Packing Shed for some homemade ice cream. Saturday night we had dinner at Bradley's old Tavern in Jackson, GA, and listened to some live music. Attending were Van and Sharon Nichols, Nelson "Butch" Slaughter, Lori Pickett, James Almond and Eddie George. Art and Kathy Rhoads joined us for Saturday. A great weekend was had by all. Join us next time.

Eddie



Lineup at Grits Cafe



Coming Events:

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.

April 26 - 29, 2018: Sidecars in the Smokies at Iron Horse Motorcycle Campground, Robbinsville, N.C. call (828) 479-3864.

June 4 - 9, 2018: Americade in Lake George, NY.

June 9 - 17, 2018: Laconia Motorcycle Week, Laconia, NH.

August 3 - 12, 2018: Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, Sturgis, SD.

August 17 - 19, 2018: Annual Northeast 3-Wheelers, Laid Back Vermont Campout, (413) 519-0015.

September 7 - 9, 2018: Hoosier Hack's So Long Summer Campout, Muscatatuk Park, North Vernon, Indiana. For more info contact Fred Hunterman at (317) 831-8105.

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

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

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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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

The Northeast 3-Wheelers Motorcycle Club

October 2017

Dale's Tales:

Hello 3-Wheelers,

Sorry for the delay in getting out the newsletter. In September there was the major hurricane, which came straight up through Florida with the eye wall going right over Auburndale leaving our editor John and his family without electricity. Then followed by John, Cathy and JJ arriving here to help out at our rally.

I would like to let you know about a couple of very enjoyable events that I recently attended.

2017 United Sidecar Association National Rally, Corning, New York, July 27th - 30th

Four of us traveled to the USCA National Rally in Corning, NY in late July. Ken Africano, Roger Colla, Dennis Cardin and I planned for weeks leading up to the rally and for the most part, things went well. Thankfully Peter Hahn and friends from Golden Motors in Cairo, NY. gave us some helpful information regarding road construction delays and what routes to take. Admittedly, I was a little skeptical as to whether Dennis was going to have his rig ready to go in time. During the early spring, Dennis bought and then decided to resurrect Butch Cross's old 85 Goldwing/California FS3 outfit. This rig sat out in Butch's backyard for around 7 years and most of us thought that it would never see the road again but Dennis had other ideas. Dennis really wanted to attend the national rally so he worked feverishly restoring the rig almost right up to the day we were scheduled to leave. The day we left heavy rain and possibly thunderstorms were predicted but I was more concerned about Dennis breaking down.

Dennis and I met Ken and Roger in Great Barrington where we decided that Ken would lead the way. Ken's pace was perfect so I knew we were in for a safe and enjoyable trip. We were doing great until we ran into the rain in the Catskills. From then on we were in and out of the rain until we reached Ithaca where it became hot and humid. Other than the weather, the only glitch we encountered along the way was with Roger's bike refusing to start after fueling up in Oneonta. (Yes, I said Roger, not Dennis) Seems the ignition box wouldn't allow the key to turn on. After we all tried unsuccessfully to figure out what was wrong, Ken headed over to Oneonta Powersports and returned with a mechanic. After spending some time trying to find the problem the young mechanic looked as baffled as the rest of us. Finally, we heard Dennis say (if all else fails, hit it with a hammer.) After a few taps on the ignition box we were on our way. Thereafter, every time we stopped for gas or to eat Roger had to tap the ignition to get the bike started which caused a few anxious moments. Ken pointed out the fact that he was riding a 14 year old Harley factory rig, I was on a 17 year old Valkyrie and Dennis was on the old Wing which was brought back from the dead and instead of one of us breaking down it was Roger's Kawasaki HP rig which is one of the nicest rigs around and the newest of the four. Who would have figured? Three of us checked into the rally campground just prior to dusk while Roger continued on to a motel in Corning. The next morning Roger was able to tap it started and he headed down to the Kawasaki Dealer in Elmira. The problem turned out to be a micro switch within the ignition box that had corroded which was taken apart and cleaned and Roger had no more problems the rest of the weekend. Upon arriving at the rally site we were tired and it was extremely hot and sticky. Ken and Dennis went into the office to check in while I waited outside where I met some dear friends rig. Beverly then warned us about some of the campsites up on the hill that was in rough shape. We soon Wayne and Beverly Riedel that I hadn't seen in quite some time. When they spotted Dennis's rig they

assumed Butch was in the office, so I had to let them know that Butch had parted ways with his old found out what she meant. When we arrived at our site we found it to be undersized, covered in shale (not good for tenting) with a large tree that looked like it was about to fall. Beverly commented, "that sure looks like a widow maker to me." We decided there was no way we were going to stay there so Ken went back to the office and somehow managed to get us another site. This time we ended up in a soggy but somewhat open area, which wasn't the best, but it would have to do. After a rough and tiring first day, the remainder of the rally turned out to be very good. According to the USCA there were 204 attendees at the rally. I'm not sure how many sidecars and trikes were there but there were certainly plenty of real nice rigs to check out. I especially enjoyed catching up with some of my oldest sidecar friends such as Wayne and Bev Riedel, Jim and Marilyn McManus, Bruce and Louise Stephens and Chuck Tretyak who I hadn't seen for quite some time. It was also nice to make some new friends in the sidecar community. There were at least 10 members from the NE-3-Wheelers in attendance including the Riedels, Ed and Rachel Perry, Peter Hahn, David Birk, Ken, Roger, myself and George Haggerty who was helping out at the registration table. Once we got beyond Thursday the weather was perfect. The campground personnel were friendly and accommodating and I thought the two catered meals served at the rally were as good as it gets. What I enjoy the most about these large sidecar events is being able to walk the grounds checking out all the outfits and some of the latest innovations. I was particularly interested in seeing one of Claude Stanley's plate frames that he has been using as of late which I immediately spotted on a new Indian Scout with a CSM sidecar. Very cool, I also really enjoyed Claude's Q and A sessions which are very helpful and informative. The ride home couldn't have been better as we enjoyed the beauty of the Finger Lakes Region and the Catskills. All in all it was a great weekend and we all arrived safely home.

2017 Northeast-3-Wheeler's Laid Back Vermont Campout Townshend, Vermont August 18th - 20th

Once again this year we hosted our NE-3-Wheeler Laid Back VT.Campout. I look forward to this every year because the Bald MountainCampground is one of my favorite camping spots. This year Fridayoffered up plenty of heavy rain so Dennis Cardin and I elected towait and leave Saturday morning instead. When we arrived we noticedthat Barry Stafford's as well as Mike Thompson's rigs were already onsite. They avoided the rain by riding in on Thursday. There were onlyfour sidecar rigs this year but most of the regulars managed to makeit with their cars and campers. We had a few less people this yearbut it turned out to be another great campout with more food than wecould eat and good conversation around the campfire.

Next newsletter I'll report on the NEMG Club Rally/NE-3-Wheeler Club Gathering.

Keep the 3rd wheel down, Dale

The Northeast 3-Wheelers Motorcycle Club

March 2018

Dale's Tales:

Hello 3-Wheelers,

Ten years ago when I first decided to attach my Jawa Velorex 562 to a Kawasaki KLR650 I never intended to use it as a passenger carrying rig. All I wanted to do was utilize it to carry things such as my lawn chairs, cooler and items that I would need at the store. I even used it to go camping at one of our Laid Back Vermont Campouts although I was forced to leave some things that I wanted to bring at home because there just wasn't enough cargo room. Even though it isn't a true cargo rig, I've used it as such and I've had a blast doing so. This has been my go-to rig since I first put it together and I've probably used it more than any of my other rigs. My fondness for this rig has led me to pay more attention to some of the other true cargo rigs I've come across. Several years ago Barry Stafford was involved in an accident, which destroyed the fiberglass body on his California FS1 so he built a great looking cargo box made of hardwood to place on his existing frame, which he mated to his Honda VTX1300. Last year as we were packing up at the Vermont Campout my friend Dennis just happened to be watching Barry pack his rig when he turned to me and said " Unbelievable, that thing is like a bottomless pit. I've never seen so much camping gear disappear into a sidecar before." Which is true and one of the advantages of owning a rig like this. When I was at the USCA National last Summer I was checking out a real neat KLR with a cargo sidecar, which was built by Claude Stanley, and it looked like it had twice the storage space that my rig has. Several weeks ago I took a ride with George Haggerty down to Dana Ericksons house to pick up a center flex sidecar frame that Dana was giving to George and while we were there Dana showed us his latest rig which happened to be a real cool Kawasaki powered high performance cargo rig which he told us he uses more than his other rigs. It just goes to show you that there is a cargo rig out there for all of us regardless of our riding styles.

I'm sorry to report that we recently lost one of our original members. Bob Patrie passed away last week in Vermont at the age of 86. Bob had been in failing health for quite some time. Bob was part of our group that gathered on Saturday afternoons at Sarge's shop back when the club was started. He was the first person I knew that owned one of Hannigan's Tri-cars which was an offset trike with a sidecar body. His wife Mary filled in for several years as our clubs editor when Sarge became too ill to continue doing it. Bob was a real gentleman, a good person and a friend. Godspeed.

Keep the third wheel down, Dale
