

SIDETRACKS

**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GEORGIA SIDECAR CLUB ~~~ NOV. -
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From the President:

Hi folks! It's finally getting cool enough to enjoy riding! So you know what that means, it will soon be too cold for most of you. Before it does, we have a Christmas party coming up. All the details are and have been in the newsletter. At the party we will discuss the future of the club, activities we/you want to do and some updates on the camp-outs we've been having for years, but just a few of us enjoy. One question does keep coming up. Why do folks not attend our events? We have tried to tailor events to what the members want, problem with that is, very few of you all tell us what you want. It has been noted that we are one of the most active sidecar clubs. We have more stuff going on, but no one seems to want to attend. The same few folks show up for about everything. Not that we don't enjoy their company, but we would like to see a few more of you! We need your input. We need our members to lead some rides, plan some activities, anything. Those of us who have been doing this for years are out of ideas! Our rally, for instance, has had declining numbers over the years. There has been a small upturn, but not what we expected. Not charging a fee has helped. We started marketing to the dual sport crowd as well as our traditional sidecar group because that is where the growth in the sport seems to be. We moved the rally out of the twisty road areas due to safety concerns of folks. Was that a mistake? We are a VERY eclectic group, if that is a problem sorry, nothing we can do about that. I don't like being around folks who are just like me. Imagine how Eddie feels about that one! Folks, we are pleading, what can we do, that you all want to do. Go out of state for functions? Sure why not, many of you are from out of state. Please, tell us!

Now on the membership front. We have a fairly large Facebook Group that has not really translating into club memberships. Now I realize that some of the folks are from far away and just curious about us or are friends from the road just keeping up. That is cool by me, but local folks really need to join up, not just see us on Facebook! That is the point of being a club, becoming members and doing things as a group. Could we be sharing too much there at the expense of the club it is supposed to support? A lot of the stuff that used to go into the newsletter is shared on Facebook, at the expense of our members who are not on FB. Is that really fair to the membership? We have new members from Macon for crying out loud, who I have never seen! How can that be? I am all over town on my rig. Since Jeff's passing I never see a sidecar in town. Kinda depressing, huh? In general we have not done a good job coming together as a group. The only thing the dues really get anyone is the party and the newsletter. To attend the party, one has to be a member of guest. We post our newsletter, publicly, without restriction almost the second it is published. Should we hold it back to regain a little membership exclusivity? Now the biggie, is our leadership the problem? Do we need a change to move forward? I was asked to be pres a long time ago the last time that decision was made, we don't do elections. The last time folks feeling got hurt and we lost members who I really wish were still around. Miss those folks. I am very well aware that some of you don't see eye-to-eye with all of my ways of doing things, my ways in general, my choice of rigs or other such, and that is all ok with me. So I ask the membership, before it gets contentious, do we need a

change? I am fine with it if you all think we do. That too will be worked out at the party. We need you all there! It's on the club and about the club!

Have you told anyone you are going to the party or not? If not, go through the newsletter and find out who to contact and do a RSVP so we know. I would love to see some new faces at the party and rally this year. I would also be very pleased if our FB members who are not GSCC members would cough up the \$20 and join. 1st year is on us, and face it, if you are on FB, you know us. What's holding you back? We really want to know and would love to see this club as large and active as it once was.

Thank you for allowing me to lead this merry band as long as you have. I serve at your pleasure and look forward to whatever future this club has in mind, whether I am leading or not.

James



The photo above is the Boxer collection on James Allmond

Annual Christmas Party at The Swanson House Meet in Perry on December 10th at 5pm

This year all members are welcome to gather at 5:00pm in the private Blue Room at The Swanson House for a wonderful dinner with two of three of our favorite things: fellowship and food (third being the optional sidecar, depending on the weather and if Janice's Ural feels like running that day). The address is 933 Carroll Street, Perry, GA 31068. Since we are going all out, we do need to have RSVPs back to Janice Rinaldo at gointodaytona@comcast.net **no later than December 5th** to let the restaurant know how many to expect **and** what your entrée selection will be. Here are your choices:

- Fried Chicken
- Grille Chicken Breast
- Broiled or Fried Tilapia
- Chopped Steak with Onions and Gravy

There are lots of sides to choose from, and you can select your favorite two upon arrival. Dessert is optional and will be served at the Rhoades' home following dinner, approximately 15 minutes away from the restaurant; their address is 100 Castle Pines Drive, Bonaire, GA.

Also, don't forget to bring an **unwrapped** white elephant gift with a value up to \$10. Less spent is better, and recycled gifts are okay too! What ever happened to those Bigfoot slippers anyhow? Hope to see everyone there!

Janice

Sidecars in the Smokies

Welcome to North Carolinas Sidecars in the Smokies.
Come and join us for a fun filled weekend of camping, riding, 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 27th thru April 30th 2017. On site camping reservations will be taken by the Iron Horse Campground call: 828-479-3864 or e-mail info@ironhorseNC.com. Website is www.ironhorseNC.com

Make them ASAP.

Rally fee includes prime rib dinner on Saturday night. Preregistration by April 1,2017 gets you a rally shirt also. Registration is \$40.00 per person.

Drivers Name _____ Shirt Size _____ Color _____

Address _____

City,State,Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Drivers Name _____ Shirt Size _____ Color _____

Passenger Name _____ Shirt Size _____ Color _____

Passenger Name _____ Shirt Size _____ Color _____

Passenger Name _____ Shirt Size _____ Color _____

Number of people _____ X \$40.00 Total enclosed _____

Choice of shirt colors are Black, Blue, Red, Green, Brown, Turquoise.(or ask)

Mail completed form and money to:

Cliff Cyphers

1963 Old Murphy Rd

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(checks payable to Cliff Cyphers)

The annual New England Moto-Guzzi Northeast 3-Wheeler gathering at Camp Stanica

(Borrowed from: The Northeast 3-Wheelers Motorcycle Club - September / October 2016 Newsletter)

What a great weekend. This has to be the best, most relaxed / laid back rally around. I had such a good time seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Talking motorcycles and sidecars.

The ride down on Friday was just grand. Sun high in the sky and not cold with very little traffic I did run into roadwork on Rt. 181 nothing too bad just minor delays. Saturday night the temps dropped & it was cold Sunday morning, but the Sun came out to warm things up. (some)

The ride home (about a 100 miles or less) was chilly. So glad I brought my heated gloves and jacket. They work fine keeping me warm. More traffic on Sunday as people were out and about. I had to drive / ride the speed limit most of the time. (chuckle)

The sidecar count (my count) was 15 rigs (a good turnout for sure) a couple of new things here. One is we had informal swap meet. (table) some fine things were being sold. I was able to pick up a set of sockets, 3/8 drive, at a better than fair price. There was a jacket and bib pants that I had my eye on but the size wasn't right. I am hoping more people will bring stuff for sale or swap next year. I always find that part of a rallying fun. Never know what you will find.

A BIG shout out to all the fine folks who worked all week-end running the rally and cooking for us. Friday night was Road Kill and Taco soup a grand fair it was. Breakfast was Waffles and Sausages AND our own Mark (Spider) Peles brought a ham for all to enjoy along with the waffles and sausages. Thanks

Mark! And I must say the Hot Dogs and Hamburgers on Saturday noon were just the best around. (ask anyone) Saturday night's dinner was a favorite of mine spaghetti & meatballs with sweet sausages, salad with rolls & butter, with cake for desert. Lots of door prizes!

Ride safe,
Respectfully,
George Haggerty,
1979 R 100,
hack'ed.



From the Editor:

On the first weekend in November, Kathy & I decided to make an overnight run up to the North Georgia Mountains. It was a last minute trip, but we posted our intentions on the Georgia Sidecar FaceBook Page, and got Eddie George to join us. We took the Road King, and Eddie rode his Bandit rig.

Two Wheels of Suches was our destination. The fall weather was perfect for motorcycles, about 70 degrees during the day, and high 30s at night. We have many fond memories of all of the Howdy Summer Rallies that were held there. Two Wheels is now under new management, and in my opinion they are doing a fine job. It is not the TWO that we once knew, but it is still a really cool place. It now has 8 cabins that have 2 twin beds, electricity, ceiling fan, heater, plus with linens and towels. Their new bathhouse is first-rate. There is still primitive camping and rooms in the lodge. We dined at the lodge for lunch, dinner, and breakfast. All of the meals were excellent, with generous portions, and reasonably were priced. The scenery is great, and the camaraderie shared amongst the diverse group of motorcyclists that you find there is something special. I guess I didn't realize how much I missed the place...

Art



