

SIDETRACKS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GEORGIA SIDECAR CLUB ~ ~ ~ Summer 2017

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From the President:

Ever have one of those weeks? You know, when one of your kids borrows your truck, you think for the weekend but everybody else knows it is for the week, new bike mysteriously breaks down and a computer crashed? Well, right after our GREAT rally, I just had one of those. As a result, the newsletter is late as your fearless leader did not have the machine that he sends email on and writes these little letters. Well, starting Friday, things started to get better and right now, on Monday morning I am writing this on a partially restored computer (thank you Robert and Cecelia for the donor!) that at least got all my email and documents back and so other stuff from my backups that I would not like to ever lose. So, if you have a computer and DON'T back it up, well, if you were me, the newsletter would have had to do without me... both of my macs and my Linux box are all backed up, a lot. Just saved me a lot of hassle. Ok, enough of that, about the Rally...



I would dare say the rally was the best one since we went "free". Only problem is that we might be outgrowing a campsite that most of us really like. Saying that, we just may have a place to do field events next year! More on that later in the year! Most of our "usual" suspects showed up, some of our older members were greatly missed, some old members we have not seen in years appeared, that is always cool! Some of our friends from Kentucky showed up, and we were glad to see them. Most of us know

about the year they just went through. It's been pretty tough, but 3 of them just could not miss our rally, folks, that is what you call friends, and we are mighty proud to have them as members as well. Thanks guys for coming and for those who did not, we understand and our hearts and prayers are with you. I'll get more up beat, I promise. I was on one of my Urals again, and man did we have a lot of them. That part of the rally is working out pretty much as planned. Need to get a few to start coming then more will follow. On the street side of the rally we saw a lot of old faces and some new. We love the old folks, but face it, without new folks coming in we'll just go the way of so many clubs and just stop existing. There was much riding, BSing, so much BSing, it was wonderful. Everyone got along, with so many Urals the UDFs were simply amazing! (UDF? Ask a Ural owner) There is one thing that this was probably the last year for, my cooking. It was pointed out that I, as pres, spent almost the entire day cooking and not being "Presidential" (and only lost my temper once, working on that). Truth be known, it took the better part of 2 days. We'll come up with something different along those lines, but remember, nothing is promised at this rally, especially food. Just something I did since I know some folks are on a shoe sting budget and anything to help anyone enjoy the rally better is a good thing. If someone else would like to take on cooking great, let us know, if not great, we'll just have to get on the bikes and go forage as a group... Now this is the funniest part to me, we do not charge for the rally, and it was one of the most profitable EVER. Between the t-shirt sales (donated), 50/50 that was donated back and the amazing bidding on the "knives" and door prize stuff that no one put in a ticket for we made hundreds! (Janice has the real number, I don't deal with that detail too much, don't have too). I do believe we did good, now if just more of the paid membership would show up!



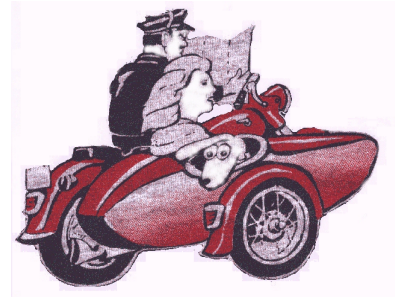
It's now pretty much too hot to camp and get out and about a lot right now, so no camp outs until September. In September we plan on returning to a favorite campground of a lot of us, Hamburg State Park. It is over near Sandersville and is remote. Nope, not a lot around there and that is what makes it special. Quiet, dark at night, rarely over populated. Good place to go and just unwind. Now about the camp outs, so few of us attend. We do not know why. Don't like to camp, we rented a cabin, twice. Both times were very nice and per person turned out to be cheaper than camping – more comfortable too. Same folks showed up as if we were gonna sleep on the ground. We will keep doing these, mainly because Eddie and I like to camp and Van and Stephen do to...When Udo is "up north" we could always depend on him showing up – we miss you Udo. In the annals of eclectic groups, that one pretty much covers it. Except for Van and Eddie being retired from the same place and Stephen and I's love of a particular band, nothing in common but sidecars. We have a lot of fun, y'all really need to join us on this.

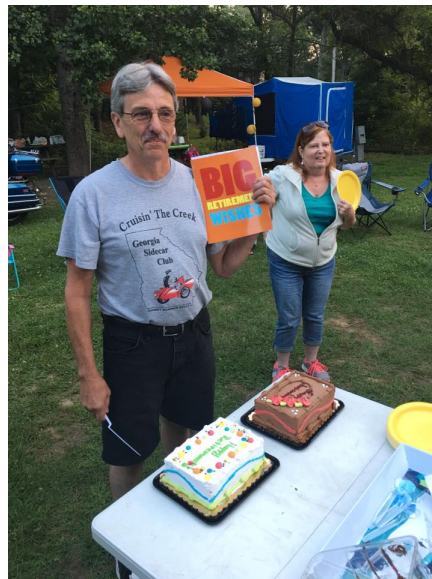
Ok, that covers what I need to say. Thanks for staying with the club and remember, we do what we do for you all. If there is something YOU want to do or show us in YOUR area please volunteer to lead a ride or suggest a camping location or both! The more we get out and be seen the more folks might want to get into sidecars. We the .1%ers are apparently up to .46% now, man are we growing or what?

From the Vice President:

Our next campout will be Sept 15-17, 2017. This will be a "real" campout. No cabins available. We are returning to a state park we haven't visited in a few years as it was closed for a short while. The campout will be at Hamburg State Park near Sparta, GA. Please come and enjoy the company of fellow sidecarists.

Eddie







Sidecars in the Smokies

By Kevin Klages

I left the house around 8:30 a.m. on the 26th and headed south on Rt. 2 along the Ohio River from Wellsburg, WV. To Huntington, WV then down through The Kentucky, Virginia, and Tennessee Mountains on RT. 23 down to I-81 and I-40 to 66 south and Sevierville and Pigeon Forge for the night . Around 500 miles through the mountains dragging that Fibco camper behind you is a pretty good day's work. Left Landmark hotel at 7 A.m. to head to rally at Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge and Campground. The weather turned terrible just south of Pigeon Forge going toward Cherokee on 441, heavy storms and lightning and fog through the mountains, I only passed 6 cars all the way to Cherokee, just plain nasty. I will say when I could see more than a couple of feet through the fog that the big fires around Gatlinburg were greatly exaggerated. Anyway, hit 19 then 74 then 28 to rally, still storming heavily. My Wife says I'm not happy till I get my ass wet, maybe she's right! Roughly 600 miles total, arrived around 10 a.m.

I was having some trouble with front end head shake, never had it before, Had a full tank slapper later that day, real lucky not to have crashed the bike, checked it all over back at camp, stiffened the shocks as much as they would go, tires and bearings, and steering seemed fine, can't find the cause. I got a lot of head shake the whole rest of the trip, had a death grip on the bars for rest of trip. You could feel it ready to go into a tank slapper at anytime, I probably should have hauled it all home on a trailer, but as they say " probably should have and did are two totally different stories".



The weather cleared out and the rest of the weekend was great. I had breakfast and dinner every day at the lodge, The Prime rib dinner that goes with the rally on Saturday night was excellent. There's a really nice t-shirt in the rally package too. I don't know how Cliff and Noreen Cyphers get so many Door Prizes but there are a bunch of them. There were 62 prepaid for the rally, so it was a real nice turnout. I made the Mistake of going over to Deal's Gap to goof off some on Saturday, DON'T DO it ON A WEEKEND. The bike traffic is bad enough, but there was a Huge Mazda sports car club on a big run, somewhere between 300 and 500 cars running it and Cherohala skyway on Saturday. It was insanity at it's worst! I wasn't going to run it anyway with the bike screwed up, but after I found a place to park it sure was entertaining to watch.

If you get a chance check out Iron Horse Or Kickstand motorcycle campgrounds, they are both near Stecoah NC, very motorcycle friendly, great locations and some of the best twisties and roads in the eastern US. I made a straight run home, 593 miles to the house ,tied heavy bungee cords from both fork legs to the crash bars to help with the head shake, made it home around 9:30 PM on Sunday night. Bike is jacked up as I write this, Still can't find the issue, but ordered steering head bearings and seals and put a damper kit on it I had laying around. I've been looking at low mileage used 1800 wings to put the hack on and semi-retire the Harley, but I just haven't made myself do it yet, Harley's just getting broke in at 321,000 miles!

Brandon and myself will be going to the Georgia Sidecar Club Campout, but taking the truck, small toy hauler and scooter, staying at Pigeon Forge June 4th and 5th, iron Horse 6th and 7th, then Whispering Pines 8th – 11th. Hope to some of you there.

Kevin Klages



Dale's Tales:

Northeast 3 Wheelers

Hello 3-Wheelers,

For those of you planning to attend the United Sidecar Association's National Rally in Corning, NY. it would be a good idea to reserve your campsite soon. Ken Africano called to reserve a site last week and the girl taking reservations told him the campsites are filling fast. You must reserve your own campsite at the Ferenbaugh Campground in Corning because the rally fee is a separate fee. This is a little different than some of the past rallies in which the rally fee was all-inclusive. For those of you staying in motels and lodges, I don't know what the situation is, but I wouldn't be surprised if they are filling up as well. Ken found out that they would allow 2 tents on a site (2 adults) so for any of you coming solo; you could possibly hook up with another NE-3-W member and share a site. I am really looking forward to seeing a lot of old (did I say old) friends at this event and I hope a lot of our NE-3-W's can make it, but if not, maybe you can make it to our Laid Back Sidecar Campout in VT. or our Moto Guzzi Rally and Three Wheeler's Annual Gathering at Camp Stanica in September.

Info. Ferenbaugh Campground, 4248 State Rt 414, Corning, NY 14830

(607) 962-6193 www.ferenbaugh.com

Keep the 3rd wheel down, Dale



Georgia Sidecar Howdy Summer

By Kevin Klages

My Youngest son, Brandon and I left home the morning of the fourth of June to head down to the GSC campout at Whispering Pines campground at Morganton, GA. I go to the campout every year now since 1996, always enjoy the people and the riding is GREAT. We cheated this year and took the small Fleetwood Scorpion toy hauler and the Honda Silverwing scooter instead of the Harley/Friendship 3 rig. There were heavy rains all day first 2 days on the road. We ended up staying at a hotel in Pigeon Forge

for the first 2 nights, seeing the sights. We went to dinner shows at Hatfield and McCoy Theater the first night, The Comedy Barn the second night, pricey at 171.00 for the tickets, but Brandon sure enjoyed them. We rode the big Ferris Wheel at the Island, Toured out the Titanic Museum 56.00 for the 2 tickets, hung out in Gatlinburg part of a day, going through a bunch of places, Brandon's favorite, Cooter's Place, and checked out the Wildfire damage in the area, not anywhere as bad as the press made it out to be, unless it was your place that got burned down. Didn't even unload the bike here because of the heavy storms and rains.

We pulled out early on the 6th and headed to our next stop, Iron Horse Motorcycle lodge and Campground near Stecoah, N.C. On the way down, we toured a historic farm museum in the National Park, went through the museum at the visitor center and hung out at Cherokee part of the day. We set up the camper in the electric lot in front of the office, and finally unloaded the bike. The weather finally cooperated though unseasonably cold this whole trip for this entire area, the furnace in the camper ran every night the whole trip, it's usually hot unless you go up into the higher elevations. Anyway, we signed up for our meals and Brandon bought a few T-shirts, if you've never been here you should try to come down to the Sidecars In The Smokey's rally the last week in April every year, great place to hang out and yak with people from all over. We rode Deals Gap and Cherohala Skyway and Moonshiner 28 both directions, avoid them on a weekend if possible. Brandon bought a couple more T-shirts at Deals gap and ate lunch there. I met Joe Sparrow at Iron Horse, I thought I did a decent amount of riding, but he has 539,000 miles on his 02 1800 Goldwing, He' got some great stories, it was Pleasure to meet him. You 'll always meet some real characters here hanging out around the campfire at night BS'ing. You'd enjoy it.



After 2 enjoyable days at Iron Horse it was time to head down to the campout, we pulled out early, arrived around 10 a.m. and set up camp. We unloaded and went riding most of the first day, showing Brandon some of the sites, went to a fish hatchery, toured the town of Blue Ridge, and did a lot of riding the first 2 days .As always ,it is a great group of folks ,pleasant company ,good food ,and plenty of Yak'n.

Art Rhoades had recently retired so some of the group decorated their camper while they were out to lunch and had a cake waiting for the dinner that night. Kudos to all involved for that fine gesture. There was a Duel sport sidecar ride on Friday and Saturday, with a nice dinner on Saturday evening provided by James Allmond and friends. Van Nichols M.C.'d the door prizes on Saturday and provided entertainment for the group. I wish some more of our group would try to attend some of these get-togethers, you don't know what your missing.

We pulled out for home real early Sunday morning, 600 miles to go, uneventful trip home, pulled in around 7:30 pm. Another fine trip and adventure.

Coming Events:

Year round, 1:00 PM. Most Friday's, a small group of us meet for lunch at Beth's Restaurant on Main St. (Route 32) across from the new police station in Monson, MA. Feel free to join us. The food is very good and inexpensive. We may not meet some weeks if we are headed to a campout or a rally.

July 23rd, 2017 Annual Indian Motorcycle Day. Springfield Museums. [21 Edwards Street, SPFLD, MA.](#)

July 27 - 30, 2017: Keystone Sidecar Campout, Amish County Campsites, Winesburg, Ohio. Contact Kevin Klages, at (304)-737-1531, (304)-670-3299, or e-mail at stretchkww@hotmail.com.

July 28 -30, 2017: United Sidecar Association National Rally Ferenbaugh Campground near Corning, New York, Campground Phone (607)-962-6193.

August 3rd - 6th, 2017 Annual Dam Yankee Rally - Moto Gymkhana hosted by The Yankee Beemers at The Heath MA. Fairgrounds.

August 4th - 5th, 2017 Yankee Chapter AMCA Antique Motorcycle Show. Hebron Lions Club Fairground. Hebron, CT.

August 18- 20, 2017: Vermont Laid Back Campout Bald Mountain Campground, Townsend, Vermont.

September 8-9, 2017: So-Long Summer Sidecar Campout, by The Hoosier Hacks, for more information contact Fred Hunterman, 101 Pioneer Ct., Mooresville, IN. 46158, phone at (317)-831-8105, or e-mail at f.hunteman@sbcglobal.net.

September 22 – 24, 2017: NEMGC Rally/Northeast-3-Wheeler Gathering Camp Stanica, Bondsville (Palmer) MA.

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

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 58th Ave., Ocala. FL 34470. Phone 352-236-7148. For more info. Contact : Jim McManus, 716-450-5834 or e-mail mcmamus1@netsync.net

From the Editor:

We had great weather and a great turnout for the Howdy Summer in June. It was especially nice to have all the kids attend. (I consider a “kid” as anyone that has not yet completed high school.) I hope that everyone is planning on attending the 2018 edition of the Howdy Summer. Same place, same weekend. As you can see in Janice’s report, The Georgia Sidecar Club is financially stable! We have been able to do this by going digital on the newsletter, and by having a no fee, no frills Howdy Summer. Our only major expense for the year is the Christmas Party. Speaking of the Christmas Party, I have no details to share at this point, but will make them available as soon as someone decides. An idea that was floated at the Howdy Summer was to hold it in conjunction with the December Middle Friday... At any rate, we should all try to attend.



Getting back to next year's Howdy Summer, the Saturday night gathering is about the only thing that is actually "scheduled". If anyone would like to organize a tour, dinner ride, ice cream run, off road riding or what ever you enjoy, then let you thoughts be known. If you plan it, they will come.

Kathy & I once again celebrated our wedding anniversary at the rally. In addition, I was also celebrating my recent retirement. Thanks again for the cake, card, and decorations. It is always nice to be able to share special occasions with family.

Ride Safe,
Art

PS... We had a lot of great (grey) beards in attendance!



From the Treasure/Membership:

I just finished the deposits from the rally, and we did really well this year. I have \$400 in membership dues (which includes a couple of checks sent to my house). Thanks to Anthony and James we have collected \$160.11 for the T-shirts. With the winner's donation of the 50/50 funds we added \$150. The auctioning of the knives was really sweet addition to the club with \$226. We have more in our account now than we have seen since 2011. I have updated the membership list attached for e-newsletter updates. We have several new members, so that is exciting too.

Janice S. Rinaldo



2017 Keystone Kampout: July 27 – 30, 2017

Amish Country Campsites, Winesburg, OH 44690

No rally fees, Just a campout. Friday night, pot luck weinie roast and 50/50 drawing. Ice cream ride to follow to honor Harry Walter. Saturday night dinner ride to Der Dutchman Or Mrs. Yoders Restaurant.

Camping fees are 29.00 a night or 175.00 a week. Reservations can be made by calling 330-359-5226 or visit the website at amishcountrycampsites.com. Sites fill up quickly so please make your reservations early. Free firewood, playground and pavilion on site. If you prefer to motel there are several bed and breakfasts and motels in the area, and if you want a room in a local Amish home ask the campground owners about them. If camping they usually give you a couple of coupons for some free cheese and an ornament from a blacksmith. There is a ton to see and do in the area, just watch out for the horse puckies and buggies. I'll be there the whole week, so anybody is welcome anytime, come on out and enjoy the area with us! --- For any questions contact - Kevin Klages, KSG President at 304-737-1531 or 304-670-3299 or at stretchkwk@hotmail.com