

SIDETRACKS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GEORGIA SIDECAR CLUB ~~~ WINTER 2019

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A blast from our past! Howdy Summer at TWO

From the President:

Happy New Year! Hope all had a good holiday season, whatever you celebrate. We had a good Christmas and quiet New Year. We also had a great party in Greensboro it was great seeing the folks who came and we missed the regulars who were not there this year and all of you who just don't come to stuff! We are planning what to do over the next year, as always, we need your input! WE have our campout/glampouts on months with 5 Fridays. Some of use will be in Royston over the MLK weekend. We'll be hanging out, riding, eating, normal stuff. If you have ever been around the camping group, normal is a very, very relative term, but you'll have to come out to see that! What is cast in stone, so to speak, are the PBTF Ride For kids, 1st Sunday in June and our 25th Rally the very next weekend. Still in very early stages of rally planning, we don't do a lot of that to be honest, but we do think about it a lot. No idea if Frank was able to acquire the neighbor's property nor if we have a place for field events. That is the biggest problem I have with the current location, that and the campsites on the road. Given the other options in the area that don't have all the stuff we want, it is still the best option, for now anyhow. To do better we would have to go really upscale to stay in the area or lose the electricity and water at the campsites and be camping on road that is too twisty for many.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the folks that make this club work, it sure is not me. Eddie plans the middle Friday camp outs, Janice handles the money, Art patiently does the newsletter, Van

is our mouth piece (I am just not loud enough) and stores out multitude of cones, Pete ad Debra are our voices at many sidecar events and especially the Ride for Kids. Without these folks, we would not have a club. I cannot overstate how much I appreciate what they do for us. Would also like to thank the folks who are defacto running the Facebook page. I rarely log onto to Facebook for a variety of reasons that I won't go into here. Saying that, those of you who love it, enjoy. We are about inclusivity and not exclusivity. If we were, there would be zero members. Just remember, keep the club only stuff off the page as much as possible, open events, sure talk those up as much as you like! Maybe we can convert some virtual members into real ones.

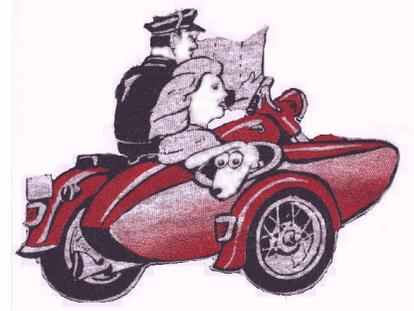
On a personal note. Our son-in-law was over during the holidays and mentioned that he really needed a sidecar so he could ride. Has back issues that make holding the bike up tricky, but oddly enough not effecting his upper body. If anyone knows of a cheap sidecar that will work 2009 Electra Glide (same frame as Red and Eddie's HD. Last year with a real frame) please let me know. That way I will finally have a family member riding again!

No safety talk this time, saving that for next time. Everyone stay safe!

James

From the Vice President:

Our Christmas party has come and gone. Everyone attending seemed to have had a good time. Several of us had rented a cabin in Hard Labor Creek State Park (thanks Van) and started the party the day before then continued it after the event at the restaurant. The rest of you don't know what you missed. Our next campout is the MLK weekend (Jan 18-21) at Victoria Bryant State Park near Royston, GA. We will also have a campout in March, location not determined yet. Plan on attending some of these campouts. We do have a good time even in bad weather.



Eddie



2018 Christmas Party

From the Editor:

This year's Georgia Sidecar Club Christmas Party, that was held at the Steak and Seafood Grill in Greensboro, GA, was well attended and well done. The meal was choice of the menu (with the GSC picking up the tab), followed by our traditional white elephant gift exchange. Attendees ranged in age from a few months to more than a few decades... President James Allmond provided the blessing, and Van emceed the event.

We rounded out the day by honoring Vice President Eddie George. Eddie was one of the founding members of the Georgia Sidecar Club and through the years has been the linchpin of our group. Eddie is so much the glue that holds our merry little band together, that I often think we should start calling ourselves the "**Eddie Georgia Sidecar Club**". Also, Eddie will turn 75 in January, so there were cakes. One was a killer rum cake and the other was a vegan coconut cake. Both cakes and the giant birthday card were provided by Sharon & Van. Eddie also received gifts of various packing material that he undoubtedly will put to good/evil use.

Member Kevin Klages had back surgery in early January, so let's all keep him in our thoughts and prayers. Kevin needs to heal quickly as he is planning a long trip out west this summer.

Art



Another blast from the past. Joe Semas at TWO



2018 Christmas Party

January 18-21, 2019: Choose Your Hero Weekend at Victoria Bryant State Park near Royston, GA

March 15-17, 2019: Middle Friday Campout at a site to be determined.

May 17-19, 2019: Middle Friday Campout at a site to be determined.

June 6-9, 2019: HOWDY SUMMER!!! -- Whispering Pines Campground at:
<http://www.whisperingpinescampground.com/index.htm> or call them at: **(706) 374-6494**