

SIDETRACKS

The newsletter of the Georgia Sidecar Club ~~~ May – June 2009

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Upcoming Events:

May 15-17: Georgia Veteran's State Park near Cordele, GA. Reservations are recommended

May 22-25, 2009: Yakima Unrally – moved to Toppenish, Yakima Indian Nation RV Park.

June 4-5: 9th Annual Gathering of Sidecars at Americade - Info: Bruce at (610)866-1611 or stephens.bruce.d@gmail.com

June 11-14, 2009: Georgia Sidecar Club 15th Annual Howdy Summer Rally

June 25-29, 2009: USCA National Rally – Lake Tahoe, California – Visit www.sidecar.com for details.

August 21-23, 2009: Northeast 3-Wheelers Laid Back Vermont Campout at Bald Mountain Campground in Townshend, Vermont
Info: Butch Cross at (413)519-0015

September 11-12, 2009: Hoosier Hospitality Sidecar Campout at Muscatatuck County Park, SW of North Vernon, Indiana
Info: Fred Huntman(317)831-8105 or f.huntman@sbcglobal.net

September 25-27: New England Moto Guzzi Club/Northeast 3-Wheelers Rally at Camp Stanica in Palmer, Massachusetts Info: Millie Pease (860)219-9289 or Dale Cochran (413)596-8295 or Butch Cross (413)519-0015

Memberships run from July 1st thru June 30th.
Please try to get a check to Janice during the month of June to keep current. Also, always check your address label for accuracy, and let us know if it's wrong so that we can fix it.

This is your club and your newsletter. We will always welcome your input. A story about a trip that you took, tech tips, your opinions, and philosophies on sidecars are but a few of the topics you might submit. Send your photos as well. Submissions via e-mail are easy for me to work with, and would be my preferred medium. However, any method you choose to use would be appreciated. It can be typed, handwritten, or notes on a napkin. Just get it out to me. We need member input! Just remember that any opinions, technical advise, theories, philosophies, etc. in this newsletter, or any other Georgia Sidecar Club newsletter are to be credited to the individual that makes them. They do not necessarily reflect the views of the Georgia Sidecar Club. If there are ever any technical tips in Sidetracks that you would like to try, think it through for yourself, and your particular application before doing any actual work. We aren't responsible for your actions! Our group was formed in 1994 to foster camaraderie among the sidecar fraternity and interested solo bikers. If someone seems interested in your rig, encourage him or her to become a member of "The Best Little Motorcycle Club in the South"...

Our membership is spread over a large geographical area, making email a great way to communicate in a timely manner. Please send me your email address at akrhoades@cox.net so that I can keep a current list..

Art Rhoades

Sidetracks

From the Vice President:

Our next campout will be May 15-17 at Georgia Veteran's State Park near Cordele, GA. Reservations are recommended.

Eddie

From the President:

Hope you all have had a good April. Writing this from work while some thoughts are still in my head! First, hope you all had a glorious Bike Week. Will leave out many of my details. But let's just say Red has a new main seal in her tranny and a nice new shiny Andrew's 5th gear. Ended up leaving Red (and all my Sidecar Rally stuff I was going to hand out) at Tifton Harley-Davidson with Red and ended up riding the Blue Harley to Daytona. Blue ended up with a nice new seat, wasn't planning on getting a new seat, but someone apparently wanted my rat chewed seat, so there you go. Was the most expensive Bike Week for me ever, and that was before I even got there! No offence to Joe Semas and the rest of the HRAC folks, but I think I just might skip Daytona next year. Actually have to, don't have enough vacation to do the Alaska trip and about anything else...

Ok, enough of that, we have a lot of stuff coming up. The Ride For Kids the first weekend in June, MDA ride is the same day, wish they would schedule these for different days, but apparently these two august groups don't communicate. Really a shame, a side car is the only way some MDA patients can ride. Oh well, we can't be everywhere at once! Let's see we have the middle Friday campout at Georgia Veterans State Park in May and I think one more little thing, now what was it...oh yeah, we have our Annual Rally the weekend after the Ride For Kids! You know, I have not gotten one email from anyone volunteering to do anything at the Rally (and if you did and I missed it, sorry, send another please!). Come to think about it, don't think I've gotten a phone call either... Interesting. I'll be showing up at TWO on the Wednesday before the Rally, putting up the big white tent Thursday morning. If anyone would like to come up and assist, that would just make my day! We never did get tee shirts made, gonna have to see what we can come up with between the campout and the rally. Hopefully the boys from Kentucky will show up again so we can fulfill their need to buy stuff from

us!! Basically any help anyone in the club can give to the Rally will help tremendously! Anyone have a contact who can make generic GSC pins, that would be cool. Ideas for tee-shirts, cheap ones would be cool too. Basically anything will help! One thing that would really help is a small generator, a small quiet generator would be great. Would be used to charge laptops that we do registration on, cell phones, may be run fans for under the tent, that sort of thing. If you have one and can bring it, please let me know. You can even surprise me and just show up with one, that would make me happy too! That will really enhance our rally. Will finalize everything with TWO soon, but we can assume that we will do the luau thing again, Friday night is up in the air, we will have field events and a bike show. The field events will start and end early in the day, before it gets oppressively hot, I promise! I would love to see a couple of smallish dual sport bikes come up and give Bill Kurtz some competition, not that a certain member from North Carolina doesn't already! I didn't know you could make an FLHT with a sidecar move like that, and I ride something very close! So basically, most of this paragraph is a beg for assistance for the rally! Now on to other things!

Ride for Kids. If you are planning on going, lets meet at the Waffle House at 2940 MANSELL RD, that is east of Georgia 400! If you are heading North and go under 400 to get there, you are going the wrong way, conversely, if you are heading south on 400 and don't go under 400 you are still going the wrong way, Carl. Also, please let me know if you are planning on going and are willing to haul a patient or caregiver so I have some numbers for the PBTF folks. I really look forward to this every year, even if it does mean that I have to leave the house at 5 to get to the Waffle House by 7 and the ride by 8 or so. It's fun, you feel pretty good when it is done and this is for a charity that is really getting the job done. Just ask anyone about how things have changed for these kids in the last 10 years.

Campout. While I really like camping out with the regulars, we all would love to see some fresh faces! Like all Georgia State Parks, Veterans is a great place to camp, not all that remote and a good time is always had at these! Please come on down. We'll also do some Rally planning at the camp out. So the more the merrier! Make reservations via the Georgia State Park Web

Page of phone. This time of year our State parks are very popular and are pretty much recognized as some of the best in the entire country. As a camper who has camped all over this country, I concur!

Rally. Ok, I've probably said enough, but just need to emphasize that we will need a lot of help for the Rally this year. Next year, more than likely, Eddie, Anthony and I will be on our way to Alaska when the rally happens, or leave from the Rally so we will not be able to do what we traditionally do that weekend! So, this year is a great time to get Rally running experience! Working the Rally can be fun, and when lots of folks help, your President does not have a meltdown when ALL the excrement hits the fan at the same time! I don't like melting down, really ruins my day... So I am declaring our Rally a no meltdown zone this year. If I, or anyone, is spotted melting down, go to the aid of that person with an intoxicant and have them stop working/worrying/obsessing until they are chilled again so we can all have a good time and everyone can handle the little idiosyncrasies that we all have that make us such a diverse, little strange, fun group to be with!

One more thing, my Watsonian will not be in attendance, neither will the Honda. You'll just have to come to either the RFK, Campout or Rally to see what I have Frankensteined together for this year... Some of you already know, don't tell the uninformed... Maybe I won't take home the ugliest rig "award" this year...

See you all on the Road.

James

From the Editor:

In April, Kathy sold her Rebel/Cozy Sidecar rig. It just wasn't getting much road time since she moved up to the Sportster/Texas Sidecar rig. I've included a photo of Kathy handing over the keys and a copy of **Sidetracks** to its new owner. Bonnie will be the fifth lady to learn how to ride on this Honda Rebel. Perhaps we'll have a new member soon.

May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Hope that you stay safe all year...

Art

For motorcyclists, the MSF has five critical messages:

- **Get Trained and Licensed** – Take an MSF *RiderCourse*SM and obtain the appropriate rider's license from your state.
- **Wear Protective Gear** – Wear proper protective riding gear, most importantly a helmet made to Department of Transportation standards.
- **Don't Drink and Ride** – Ride unimpaired, never drink or use other drugs before getting on a motorcycle.
- **Ride Within Your Limits** – Stay within your personal limits, never ride faster or farther than your abilities can handle.
- **Be a Lifelong Learner** – Return regularly for refresher riding courses



Art with grandsons Mason & Cooper getting revved up to ride during their recent visit



The Rebel goes to its new home

The following is from the Ural Motorcycles Newsletter:

Allow us to introduce Ural Gzhel - a very special Ural Tourist hand painted in the 14th century pottery painting style by our own Svetlana Zyryanova.

Svetlana is an employee of the IMZ factory Paint Department. Some of the things she does at work is polishing the paint and applying camouflage spots onto Gear Ups. In her spare time, Svetlana is an accomplished artist. She became very interested in taking on a project of painting Ural Tourist in an exclusive Gzhel style. It was an exciting opportunity for her creativity to take the lead and make something unique and exquisite. She chose her own paint, the brushes, she came up with the design and patterns and hand painted every detail in her own spare time. The result was amazing! We are proud now to present to you her beautiful work of art. On the left side panel one can see Svetlana's signature and the date - September 2008.

Why Gzhel and what's "Gzhel"?

In Russian it is spelled **Гжель**, you should pronounce it: [gzjel].

Gzhel is an example of traditional Russian folk art with roots going back to the 14th century. The art of gzhel pottery and design originated from the settlements southeast of Moscow along Gzhelka River. Today this well-known design of blue ornaments on white background is one of Russia's cultural gems. Gzhel evolved

from pottery to the famous blue-patterned fine porcelain known for its makers' exquisite taste and excellence in craftsmanship.



We decided to dress one Ural in the finest design that centuries of tradition afford us; share with you the talent of the people at our factory and demonstrate what they can actually do.

This motorcycle looks like the finest porcelain figurine, but luckily it is not as fragile... and one can actually drive it! The beautiful hand painting on all body parts is clear coated for protection so that you can really show it off on the road.

How to buy Gzhel Ural?

It is truly one of a kind Ural and we just can't bring ourselves to putting a price tag on it. That is why we will offer it at an online auction with the help of the one of our dealers. The delivery of the motorcycle will take place at a dealership close to the winning bidder. The winning bidder will also receive a special souvenir - an exclusive bottle of Gzhel vodka ... with at least some vodka left inside.



We will announce the date of the auction in the next Informer and if you are interested, please drop us a line so we can make sure you are in the loop for the update on the auction date.

The last but not the least - we will donate 10% of proceeds from the sale of Ural Gzhel to the Irbit Children School of Arts to support local arts program in Irbit.