



# Concours Owners Group Southeast Area News



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## 2002 SECOG

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**The Atlanta Motorcycle Show** COG gathering (Jan. 26) was fun for all. The weather was mild so Kevin Daniell led a ride into the Georgia countryside. Thanks to James Freeman and Vic Salisbury for arrangements, to David Hicks for being the official photographer and to Kevin and Terri Daniell for their hospitality in hosting the B-B-Q and Bonfire. Kevin gave us a whole new meaning to the term 'Bun Burner':) See 'Ride Reports' on our SE website for a full report from James and Davids photos.

**March 7-10** - Daytona BikeWeek, Bulow Camp-ground will again be the base (great location with everything that you need). Ride to Mt. Dora. Take in the vendors, the demo rides and the 'atmosphere'; the COG camaraderie; 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual COG/Concours riders Chilifest, at the home of John and Cindy Hildebran;

## **National COG 2002 , Montrose, Colorado, July 8 –12** **Colorado, Canyons and Concours = a recipe for great riding, great scenery and a great time.**

**From the Rally Hosts, Anne and Don Simone:** We're sure looking forward to hosting the National this July. Besides all those wonderful roads and with their spectacular scenery, what else might there be in Montrose for COGers? We are planning to have an advance Motorcycle Safety class on July 8-9. On Monday night, we plan to have a dessert in honor of the AAD's (AD's and other officers can attend) at the HQTS. Dessert and coffee or soft drinks. Some of the evening will be just social, the other segment might be exchanging of ideas of what does and doesn't work well for rides and events that have been tried. Tuesday morning - an open house at the Kawasaki shop in Montrose. The shop owner also agreed to have on hand many of the parts you folks might be wanting by the time you arrive. On Tuesday should be the first of the tech sessions; and in the late afternoon - the Bike Show Contest, the winners to be announced at the Banquet. (Continued on Page 2)

'Daytona 200' SuperBikes on Sunday. Thank you to Larry Buck, Fla. AAD, for coordinating. See page 3 and the SE website for all the details.

**March 29-31**—Central Georgia Camp/Ride at Florence Marina Park, Columbus, Ga. Contact: Vic Salisbury.

**April 12-14**—Western Ga. And N.C. Camp/Ride out of Two Wheels Only Motorcycle Resort, Suches, Ga. Contact: Ken Moore

**June 21-23**—Rhododendron Ride, Asheville, N.C. Stay at the Best Western Biltmore West, Exit 44 off I-40 for \$49.95/night. Ride the backroads with local Cogers or run over to the Honda Hoot at Knoxville. COG breakfast and dinner planned for 6/22.

Up-to-date details on these and other rides can be found at our SE website  
<http://www.concours.org/se/>

**Tennessee Report from TN AAD, Tony Chinn:** We had dinner Feb. 4. 11 in attendance. Next dinner is March 4, 6:30pm at Bob Evans Rest., Opry-land.

For those of you that do not live in the Nashville area, or haven't been to our monthly dinner yet, we have planned two rides for the spring. The first is **March 23** at 10am. We will meet at the Texaco on Hwy. 100 just east of the entrance to Natchez Trace Pkwy. Blake Smith knows some fun back roads in the area, so it should be a good time.

The next ride planned (so far) is on **April 27** at 9am. We will meet at the Phillips 66 on Hwy 70 & I-40. I think the exit # is 239. Lynn Marler will show us around the Cordell Hull Lake and Center Hill lake areas.

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Wednesday morning, first thing, there will be the Lady COGers breakfast. We can't tarry at that, for our main speaker/guest will be doing a talk on cornering, and other special riding tips, in the morning, early enough to allow for some riding afterwards. More tech sessions that day. Also, there should be enough elected board officers attending to hold a board meeting, which would be at 2 pm Weds. Then, at 5 will be the group picture, taken at The Pavillion, which is about a mile from the HQT, followed by the social hour at the side of The Pavilion at 5:30. A wonderful, sit-down dinner will be served to us at 6:30 (complete with double-layer chocolate cake) - and with all those festivities associated with our banquet nights. Our Guest Speaker will give a short talk that night during dinner and probably help with the door prizes. He is a delightful fellow - talented, interesting, and fun - **Nick Ienatsch**, a successful 250cc racer who now works with Freddie Spencer's riding classes and gives talks around the country. He is a friend of **Ron Ramlow's** (our 2nd Executive Director) and is enthused about coming to the rally. Thursday and Friday we have left completely open for all the long riding you want to do (especially after you have heard riding tips from Nick).. Mark your calendar and make plans to be with us in Montose! See you there! Your Rally Hosts, Don and Anne Simone  
Registration form and up-to-date information is available at <http://www.concours.org/> **OR** by calling your AAD or Calvin.

**From Jerry King, COGer #571, former N.C. AAD**

It has been a while for sure. Regretfully, I did not join COG for the 2002 season. I had to sell my Concours and my Goldwing some time back because it was getting too painful to ride for any distance. It just cramped my knees and was painful for my replaced hip-joint. However, all is not lost because I have down sized, motorcycles that is, and I am still riding. In September I bought a 2002 Kawasaki Vulcan 750 which is in it's 18th year of production and a rock solid good machine. It puts your knees and legs out a little straighter which is a good thing for me. The seat height is also a little shorter as I do not want to dislocate that hip-joint for the third time. I still have my Honda Helix also. No, I won't be able to keep up with those spirited Concours but I will be riding. What I will really miss is all the great people in the COG organization and the fun that they have. Thanks for the memories. So if you see someone on a Vulcan 750 waiving frantically, give them a wave for old times sake.

(Please include the above note in your next newsletter as I would like to thank all those COGERS for "Sport Touring At Its Finest"! ) (Note from Calvin: I invited Jerry to continue to be a member and to ride with us on his Vulcan. We are an 'inclusive' organization. Jerry has contributed greatly to COG. I hate to lose him as a member.)

**Jim Parker**, COG#3395, of Daytona Beach, Fla. passed away November 29, 2001 after battling cancer for two years. His widow, Betty, reports that "in August of 2001, Jim and a friend rode their motorcycles from Daytona Beach, FL, to a friend's house in Cortez, Colorado. From there, the three of them rode into Utah, down to the north rim of the Grand Canyon, then back to Cortez. Then, Jim and Bernie rode to Springfield for the motorcycle event there, then home--a total of 21 days and 7,048 miles." Thank you to Betty for sharing this with us and for sharing Jim with motorcycling and COG.

**From Calvin, SEAD**

2002 is off to a good start. I can see the momentum building. **Larry Buck**, Fla., AAD, has a good slate of activities planned for Daytona BikeWeek; **James Freeman**, Ga. AAD, is planning 'tech sessions' at his house. **Vic Salisbury**, GA. AAD, is planning a camp/ride event and also exploring a Motorcycle Safety Course for SECOG;; **Tony Chinn**, AAD Tenn., is getting folks together for dinner and has a couple of fun rides planned; **Ken Moore**, NC AAD, is scheduling dinners and a special TWO spring-time ride; In East N.C. the regular dinner continues with **Don Spiker** coordinating. **Greg Yopez**, E.N.C., AAD, has a computer problem. Somebody help him out. And **Ken Soper**, our SE Webmaster, is enhancing and updating our website weekly to keep you well informed. **See Ken's message on page 4.** We have lots happening. It is critical that our members get out to these activities to support all these good efforts and to have fun meeting your fellow and sister COGers.

Don and Anne Simone and COG volunteers have worked hard on our **2002 COG National in Montrose, Colorado**. My wife and I are looking forward to attending and enjoying the people and rides at the National. I encourage you to try to make the National if you possibly can. It is an experience well worth the travel and time. I understand that hotel rooms are going fast. So don't delay. See Anne and Don's message on page 1.

For the 51 COGers without e-mail or who have expressed a preference for snail mail, we will mail this newsletter to keep them in the loop. The rest of our 300 members will get an e-mail with the SECOG website link to the newsletter. A newsletter can never equal the amount of timely information that is being published on the SE Website. I encourage all our members to get on-line to be able to take fullest advantage of the information that is there for you. Also, please ensure that I have your 'current' e-mail address by sending any change to me. I am still getting about 20 'rejects' with each 'email send'. I am passing all changes along to Carl Metler at COG Central to ensure that the COG Directory is accurate as can be.

Thank you to our AADs and all the members who have pitched in to help them in planning and carrying out activities and events for COG members. You all are a great group to work with.

**Ride Safe, Ride Often,**

Calvin Underwood, South East Area Director  
Asheville, N.C.

## **CONCOURS OWNERS GROUP** **2002 DAYTONA BIKEWEEK ACTIVITIES**

The Florida chapter of the Concours Owners Group would like to welcome all Group members, Concours riders, and prospective members to Bikeweek. We invite you to join in our activities during Bikeweek 2002. We look forward to seeing you. Ride safe and well.

Contact: Larry Buck, Florida AAD. Cell phone: 954/415-1828.

COG Headquarters : Bulow Campground in Flagler Beach. Some of us will be camping in Bulow's overflow area. First come, first served but space is usually not a problem. Rate is \$20.00/night + tax, per person. Phone: 800/782-8569.

Wednesday & Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 P.M. ish. We'll get together at Smiley's Tap, 1165 N. US 1, in Ormond Beach, 386/677-9609.

Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 A.M. Informal breakfast at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, Exit 88, off I-95, just North of Daytona Beach, in Ormond Beach. After breakfast, we will ride to the Speedway vendor area. Meet at the Kawasaki tent.

Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 Noon. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual COG/Concours riders Chilifest, at the home of John and Cindy Hildebran, 25 minutes from here in Palm Coast, FL. See John's famous, show Concours "The Shining". There will be bench riding, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, and Cindy's famous Chili. Don't miss it! Map and directions available at the Good Times Owners desk.

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 A.M. Annual COG/Concours rider's Bikeweek Breakfast. Meet at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant, at Exit 88, off I-95. Ride to Mount Dora for breakfast, led by John and Cindy Hildebran. Yes, we'll do the famous Ferndale Loop ride in the Florida "mountains."

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 P.M. COG/Concours rider's, dinner at Woody's BBQ, in Ormond Beach, 386/439-5011. Take Exit 91, off I-95 (Rte. 100). Head East about 1/8 mile, it's on the SW corner of Route 100 and Old Kings Hwy (across from the McDonalds). Best darn ribs and BBQ you're gonna find.

Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 A.M. Join the hardcore COGgers at the 1<sup>st</sup> BIG race of the season for the pro racers, the Daytona 200 by Arai. Root for TEAM GREEN! Meet at the Speedway ticket office. We will be sitting in the Seagrave Tower, with a great view of the racers entering the infield portion of the track off the front straight.

**PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THIS SHEET FROM THE BULLETIN BOARD. COPIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KAWASAKI GOOD TIMES OWNERS DESK.**

**Also check our website for update to date detail of activities** <http://www.concours.org/se/>

## **From the Webmaster:**

I've enjoyed tinkering around with the SECOG website these past few weeks. It's given me an opportunity (or excuse) to learn several pieces of software. You're the guinea pigs, folks. Thanks, again, to Bryan Moody for doing the hard part--assembling all the data. Aside from the obvious format changes, I'm attempting to keep the material on the page as fresh and pertinent as possible. Breaking news will appear on the front page, directly under the new SECOG logo. Older items will be kept on the Newsletters & Archives page. AADs are free to submit material for publication as often as they like. Since we are using the web site to communicate time-sensitive material to about 90% of our membership, we need regular updates. We have Florida and Tennessee state pages. Let's get the rest of the area represented on-line. Don't be bashful. Send anything ---stories, photos, ride reports, embarrassing tidbits about your friends and neighbors---we'll throw it all up there! If two COGgers meet for coffee at the Waffle House in Sylacauga, Alabama, it's printable. To me, a web site is something that's alive and dynamic. Sites tend to reflect the interest level and commitment of their owners. E-commerce businesses edit their sites almost daily. It shows that they're really open for business, just as bright lights, flashy signs, and a clean property indicate a thriving enterprise. My goal, then, is to create an exciting and constantly developing web presence for what Rider magazine calls, "one of the largest and most active single-brand owner's clubs." (Rider 2/02)

Thanks,

**Ken Soper**

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### **Current Website Features:**

Up-To-Date Schedule of Activities and Events

Daytona BikeWeek COG activities

The SECOG Survey Results

The SECOG Leadership Team

Ride Report from **Ted Reese, James Freeman and David Hicks**

(Note from Calvin: **Thank you, Ken**, for all you are doing to make our Website the 'go to' place for SECOG information.)

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