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Coming Events:

May 17-19— SE Georgia/Savannah Ride and Super-Bikes at Road Atlanta.

Plans developed after our last Newsletter and was posted to our website and sent out in an E-Bulletin. This will be a past event by the time this newsletter is received by snail mail.

May 26— ENC COG and Metro Powersports

(Kawasaki dealer) will host a 'Poker Run' with proceeds to benefit a local charity. Everyone can e-mail me for Poker run and general info contact Batman Purplebat99@juno.com Donna and Stuart Heyel for cookout directions and bunk info at Qifmann@aol.com Gene and Jody Keye for bunk info at JKeye@juno.com OR Contact, Greg, Batman, Yopez, AAD for ENC (919) 387-9559 Purplebat99@juno.com

June 1— S.C. Ride—Meet

at McDonalds at Travelers Rest, S.C. at 8 a.m. Departure at 8:30 a.m. . The ride will lead to the North or South Carolina mountains for a undisclosed location for lunch. Then your on your own to get home. For "details" contact Gary Norton @ 864-610-9536 or jmajor1042@aol.com.

June 21-23—Rhododendron Ride, Asheville, N.C.

Our host hotel is the Best Western Biltmore West (<http://www.bestwesternbiltmore.com/>) conveniently located just east of Exit 44 of I-40. A special rate of \$49.95 is available for COG members. **Make your reservations by June 1.** This rate will be honored for those who arrive earlier in the week or who stay on a few days. Call 1-800-925-5486 to make your reservations. Be sure to mention that you are with the 'Concours Owners Group'. For campers, it don't get any better than the Blue Ridge Motorcycle Camping Resort

(<http://www.blueridgemotorcyclecamp.com/> for contact information.

Friday: arrival, check in. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. (location to be announced; meet at the hotel). Ride route sheets will be available so you can plan your Saturday and Sunday rides. Lots of fun is being planned. *Saturday:* 8:30 a.m. gather at the hotel parking lot to connect for breakfast and riding.

July 8-12—National COG 2002 , Montrose, Colorado, Colorado, Canyons and Concours = a recipe for great riding, great scenery and a great time. See Page 4 for updates.

Sept. 6-8—Run with the Wolf with the Georgia gang. See Page 3.

Oct. 11-13— Fall Foilage Ride with Ken Moore.

Up-to-date details on these and other rides can be found at the COG website

<http://www.concours.org/>

WNC Rhododendron Ride

June 21 -23, 2002

Asheville, N.C.

Twisties and flowering mountainsides around WNC will be in abundant supply. You will also find the Honda Hoot, 90 miles to the west in Knoxville, and many attractions in the Asheville area. It is also a good tune up for the COG National in Montrose, Colorado coming up July 8 -12. Hope to see you there.

See details above and at <http://www.concours.org/se/Rhododendron%20Ride.htm>

SE Georgia Report from Vic Salisbury: The SE Georgia/Savannah get together is **May 17-19** at Tybee Island outside of Savannah. We are hoping for a good turnout and good weather.

On May 25th is the P.O.W. Memorial Trail Ride to Andersonville Memorial Park, it starts in Stone Mountain with "pick-up points" along the way. I'll be waiting for the guys in Byron, GA to roll through and then join the ride down to the park. This is open to ALL bikers, there is a short ceremony and a usually a P.O.W. vet as a guest speaker then everyone is free to go and check out the park (a very worthwhile experience in it's self), go get lunch, etc. This ride has been happening on Memorial Day weekend and Veterans Day weekend since 1999. Andersonville Memorial Park has the P.O.W. Museum, the only facility in the National Park System which honors P.O.W.s of all engagements. Web Sites: <http://www.powmemorialtrail.org/> and for the park: <http://www.nps.gov/ande/>

Finally, **June 16th**, I plan on riding up to T.W.O. O'dark thirty to get breakfast then bench race, maybe ride a road or two, maybe not; kind of a **Fathers Day present** to myself; my family lets me "disappear" for awhile. I'll head back to the house about 2:30.

Atlanta Area—James Freeman

Here in N. Ga. we are having monthly meeting @ **Rocco's Pub on the 3rd Thursday of each month.**

Rides are almost every weekend with someone saying lets go here or there.

Tennessee Report—Tony Chinn

Thanks to Lynn Marler for leading the April 27 ride and for entertaining everyone back at his home after the ride. Some of the Tennesseans are going to the races at Atlanta on **May 18** and staying overnight at TWO. We don't have a departure time yet or meeting place. I should have that by the end of the week and posted on the website.

We have a ride planned to **29 Dreams motorcycle** campground near Birmingham on **August 3** staying overnight. If you want a cabin, call soon 205-672-0309. For more information about the campground, go to www.29dreams.com.

Several have mentioned to me that they

plan to attend the Honda Hoot. We'll see what happens with that.

Of course our monthly dinners continue to be on the first Monday of each month at 6:30pm at Bob Evans, Opryland. Next one is June 3.

From the SECOG AD:

Thank you to those of you who have renewed your COG memberships and Welcome to New COG members who have joined since our last Newsletter—3/15.

Welcome New Members:

BILL ATKINSON, APEX, NC
JOHN ROBINSON, OXFORD, MS
ROY VICTORY, MYRTLE, MS
BRIAN ENGLUND, NAVARRE, FL
BROUGHTON BRACEWELL, GAINSVILLE, FL
TOMMY ALL, ALEXIS, NC
MONTE MONTELEONE, DALLAS, NC
THOMAS PATTON JR., MACON, GA
JOHN FOSTER, BARTLETT, TN
MIKE VAN HORN, SUWANEE, GA
MARK LITAKER, AUGUSTA, GA
C. JACKSON PERKINS, BIRMINGHAM, AL
ROBERT VOGEL, WINTER PARK, FL
RANDELL & KATHY BRADBURN, Weaverville, N.C.
GEORGE APPLEWHITE, Daphne, Ala.
BOB COLLINS, Ellijay, Ga.

SECOGers

I hope your riding season is off to a good and safe start. My 'concours' is feeling a bit neglected as I have been spending more time on the bicycle getting the ole legs ready for the Bicycle Ride Across Ga. However, come June 21 and the WNC Rhododendron Ride, I will be ready to ride and continue on with the National Rally in Montrose, July 8-11 plus a few days.

Our Concourier magazine and Member Directory arrived recently. If you haven't received yours, please contact me to troubleshoot for you. Both publications look very good. I did learn my lesson not to try to use the Concourier to talk about 'what is going to happen soon.' As Carl Metler has told me 'focus on what has happened.' I would like to thank Larry Buck, AAD Fla. and James Freeman, AAD, Atlanta Area for their contribu-

tions.

Since the last newsletter, March 15, we did send out a couple of e-mail alerts and an E-Bulletin. Between those efforts and the website, we can keep most of you up to speed on event plans as they develop. I continue to get about 15 e-mail rejects. So, if you have e-mail and haven't heard from me in the past month, please send me your e-mail address.

For those who are not internet connected, this hard copy newsletter about once each two months is the best I can do. Let me know if you have other ideas.

One thing I have noticed about SECOG activities. Some of the best get togethers are spontaneous. Take for example this e-mail from James Freeman: "Hey COG, Mike Carrick is riding up to Meet Tony Chinn's group and go for a ride in Tenn., He tells me he is leaving the Woodstock area about 5 a.m. in order to make the trip up there to catch up with Tony and the Tennessee group."

James says "Rides are almost every weekend with someone saying lets go here or there." If you don't have e-mail, then call your AAD and get on a phone list so you can get in on these rides.

As you can tell from the schedule and the AAD reports, there are lots of activities in the works. If you plan to attend any of these events, do send an e-mail to the 'contact' to let them know you will be attending. This helps with planning and is good for the organizers morale.)

Deadline for submissions:

July SECOG Newsletter, July 15.

September Concourier, July 15

We are always interested in stories about COG group rides accompanied by pictures. Keep this in mind as you enjoy SECOG events and activities over the next two months.

If you have any questions, suggestions, complaints, etc. please contact me.

Ride Safe and Enjoy,

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Wolf Alert!

Tenth Annual 'Run with the Wolf Rally'

is coming September 6-8, 2002 . This is the most popular SECOG event of the year.



Best Ridin' Anywhere! Suches, Georgia, home base for the rally, is located in the heart of the N.W. Ga. Mountains and within an easy ride to some of the best rides anywhere, e.g., Wolf Pen Gap Road, Deals Gap, Cherohala Skyway, and many more. Ride maps will be provided and can be previewed courtesy of the Eastern Hawk GT Rally at <http://userwww.service.emory.edu/~libssd/fehr/>

Where do I sleep?

Camping at TWO is open with no reservation required. They also have some lodge rooms, trailers and cabins to rent by contacting TWO in advance at P.O. Box 69, Suches, GA 30572, 706-747-5151 Voice/706-747-2120 Fax

Or email: <mailto:imageone@alltel.net> website <http://www.twowheelsonly.com/>

There are also motels in nearby Dahlonega, e.g., Days Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Econo Lodge, Super 8. The Dahlonega lodging website: <http://www.dahlonega.org/lodging/lodging.html> has the contact information.

On Saturday night, there will be the traditional TWO dinner (dutch treat), lots of door prizes; awards; a group photo; a reunion with all the friends you made last year; and an opportunity to meet new friends from all over.

Additional plans for fun are being made, e.g., a rafting expedition down the Nantahala.

Up-to-date details on Run with the Wolf and the registration form can be found at our SE website <http://www.concours.org/se/> . Or, contact **Vic Salisbury**, AAD for South Ga. (478) 328-1716, Jdipet@mindspring.com or **James Freeman**, AAD for Atlanta Area, Ga. (770) 428-8634, jfreemn1@bellsouth.net if you have questions.

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

NATIONAL RALLY UPDATES - " For the rally, the Montrose Kawasaki dealer is going to hold an open house for us on Tuesday from 3 to 5, instead of the Tuesday morning one that we'd previously listed. He will have free hot dogs and Pepsi's - eat enough and skip dinner, eh? He will also handle a raffle for those who attend, the winner to be announced at the banquet. The prize will be something suitable for the Concours, of course. We thought this change, which his work schedule forced him to make, will be o.k. in that many riders will be back to enter their bikes in the show at 5 anyway. We might even persuade the bike show organizers to hold the entries until 5:30, but we don't have confirmation on that at the time of this newsletter.

Please check the schedule posted at the Rally Headquarters, The Red Arrow, and that which is in your sign-in packets for Tuesday's open house and bike show."

We look forward to seeing you. Don and Anne Simone, Rally Hosts

Other Rides within Striking Distance of SECOG

May 24 - 26, 2002, 32nd Annual Hill Country Tour --- hosted by the Austin Road Riders Association

Plenty of tours are available. Door prizes. Awards. Hot showers. More than enough room for camping. Bike Show. Light Parade. **Contact:** Bruce "Popeye" Reed 210.658.3221

May 31 - June 2, 2002, Republic of Texas (ROT) Rally, Crowd expectation 30K with the Charlie Daniels Band performing. Limited hot showers, but plenty of cooled cold ones. Lots of room for camping, but get there early for the shade. Mega number of vendors. Sixth Street blowout. Beware of naked riders at night.

Contact: Bruce "Popeye" Reed 210.658.3221

Be sure to check out the other COG Area Websites for each area's respective ride and event schedules. You can get to these from **<http://www.concours.org/>** and click on 'schedules'

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