



# Concours Owners Group Southeast Area News



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## 2004 SECOG

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**Send e-mail and address changes to Carl Metler**



## Run With the Wolf

Man, what a great weekend, Mawesome weather and even a few surprises thrown in. Having arrived to Rally central, Two Wheels Only Resort (TWO) in Suches, Ga Thursday I was able to take a ride with a few other Cogger's Friday morning before the pack rolled in. Breakfast in Blairsville, Ga Friday morning was followed with a visit to Robbinsville, NC and the Tail of the Dragon shop. A couple of the group split off to ride Deal's Gap and the rest of us took a jaunt across the Cherohala Skyway.

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## Southeast Heat

As this year draws to a close, I hope you will join me in thanking the Assistant Area Directors in your area for all the effort they have put forth to make the Group work for you. It may have been a simple breakfast or lunch ride-in, tech session, backyard barbecue, multi-day ride, or multi-day rally. These men organize these activities because they share a love for this Group, and want to give their time to it, so others may come to realize what

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**"May Santa be good to Connie"**

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a special organization this is. Thanks too, to our newsletter editor, Calvin Underwood, who continues to make our publication one of the best in the country. Thank you David Hicks, for making the Southeast website THE place for our members to find out about all the Group's activities. We are indeed fortunate to have these men in our Owner's Group.

The hurricanes that came through Florida and the Gulf coastal region created havoc for many, from the Keys to the Alabama. From a personal standpoint, my home was not damaged but my business was closed for over a week due to lack of utilities. The Florida manufacturing economy was hit hard and is still recovering. These storms put a severe crimp in my planned trip to the Run with the Wolf Rally and I was not able to attend. As you will read elsewhere in this issue, Vic and his crew did their usual superlative job and put on a great event. Thanks Vic, Reggie and John for your hard work.

I also missed Al Norcross' great "CCCC-2" due to problems with the installation of a custom, engineered, shot-blast system that ran into the Saturday of this event. The full story as told by Bruce Barge, will entertain you and, hopefully, motivate even more of you to attend next year. We've saved this story for the next newsletter because Bruce missed getting his flu shot, and spent Thanksgiving week in bed. Thanks Al.

The recent COG elections have  
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voted Guy Young into the Executive Director position. Guy has been a linchpin for the Group for many years; serving in various positions in his Northeast area and as National Technical Director for the past several years. Former Executive Director, Carl Mettler, will continue as membership director.

The publication of the Concourier has had severe problems this year. Rick Hall volunteered to be the interim editor, and did yeoman service under difficult circumstances. Bruce Alsobrook has signed on as the new editor, and the December issue is in the mail. The Winter issue deadline is the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, with distribution scheduled for January of 2005. We hope to be on a four issue schedule next year.

Don't forget the "**Last Blast Before....#2**" (details elsewhere in this issue), scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Blackwater Inn in Astor, FL. This is our last ride to eat for the year and also will kick off the Holiday season. We had nearly 30 riders attend last year with perfect weather. Maybe some of you Georgia & Alabama riders can make it too. Come on out, we'll play nice.

Lastly, I want to wish each of you, and your families, a joyous Holiday season. May Santa bring you the best of all gifts, a great 2005. See you down the road. Ride safe.....and well.

Larry Buck, SECOG AD

## Escape to the Conc Republic II January 22-23

It's obvious that some of us need to get out more often. A Ride to Eat is as good an excuse as any, doncha think? Well, it's time again for Key West...Escape to the Conc Republic II.

Join us for the 130 mile cruz down to Key West. Be ready for spectacular vistas on the bridges!

Leaving: 8am Saturday 1/22/05  
From: Palm Corner Chevron, 16 N Krome Ave, Florida City 33034, 305-245-8981. This is on the corner of SR997 (Krome Ave/SW 177 Ave) & SR9336 (Palm Dr/SW 344 St), 1 block W of US1, and 1 block S of the end of the FL Turdpike Extension.

Destination: Half Shell Raw Bar, 231 Margaret St, Key West FL 33040, 305-294-2964. This is at Lands End Marina near the corner of Margaret &

Caroline. ETA will be 11am. See <http://www.halfshellrawbar.com/Index1.html>

After lunch there'll be a bit of time to play tourist & poke around Old Town. We'll then ride to the Southernmost Point for the obligatory photo op, then back to Florida City.

If ya need a place to stay, there are some fun/budget accommodations available 1 block W of the above Chevron that can also handle camping: Everglades Hostel, 20

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**Run with the Wolf** continued from page 1  
 After the Skyway I headed back to TWO to get registration set-up and wait for the mass of riders to roll in Friday afternoon and evening. And roll in they did to include a controls onto two different bikes. Fortunately Bodo Wolters and Steve Jenkins were very patient and understanding in my fumbling back and forth, and yep, my 3-4 hour estimate turned out to take 5-6 hours. Even though time delayed, the installs went fairly well and we had successful operation checks that afternoon. A big thanks to Steve and Bodo for letting me tear into their bikes and for being so patient. Saturday wrapped up with everyone returning safely and getting together for the obligatory group photo. The rally awards and doorprizes were passed out, and all in all, a great weekend even if you just hung out at the lodge and sat on the porch. The weather was great, renewed and new friendships made the rally a great success as always. A big thanks to all who assisted Reggie Chestnutt and myself in making this happen.



Gary, David, John and Joe Runnin' with the Wolf

**Now, hold onto your hats, for next year we have been driven to a change in venue. The Wolf rally, which has been the largest SE rally, has outgrown TWO. So, the**

**Southeast Regional Rally, previously known as the Run with the Wolf Rally, (I sense a naming contest?) will move to Bald Mountain Park Campground in Hiawassee, Ga. The dates will be September 9, 10, 11th 2005.**

**Now, the Run With The Wolf Rally will continue in the backdrop of it's namesake, Wolf Pen Gap Road, but we are moving it to the spring, April 8, 9, 10th 2005. The High Valley Resort, www.highvalleyresort.com, in Suches, Ga will be the Wolf.**



Ride Safe!  
 Vic Salisbury

S. Georgia AAD/Run With The Wolf Rallymeister



## ***The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Last Blast Before.....#2"***

**December 18th**

Come one – Come all to the **Blackwater Inn** in Astor, Florida, along the beautiful St. Johns river, to celebrate the coming Holidays, bench race, tell lies, and just hang out with a great owner's group that just happens to ride a great motorcycle.

**Open to all riders and makes,**

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online at <http://www.evergladeshostel.com/accommodations.htm> Mention COG so they can keep us hoodlums together.

If yer staying over, we'll take the scenic route thru Mijami to breakfast in kewl South Beach.

Leaving: 7am Sunday 1/23/05

From: above Chevron

Destination: Front Porch Cafe, 1418 Ocean Dr, Miami Beach 33139, 305-531-8300. ETA will be 8am. See <http://www.miamibeach411.com/Restaurants/frontporch.html>

Hope to seeya there...enjoy the ride!  
 Paulie in Mijami, '01 Conc, COG #4561, South Floriduh AAD,  
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**bring some friends. We are an equal opportunity owner's group.**

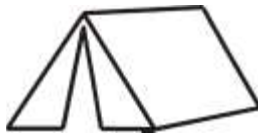
We'll meet around 10:30 – 11:00 A.M. or so on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December, 2004 at the

Blackwater Inn  
 (www.blackwaterinn.com)  
 55716 Front Street  
 Astor, FL 32102  
 888-533-3422

Questions: contact Larry Buck ([lruck@aol.com](mailto:lruck@aol.com)), 954/415-1828

# FL COGers Present Daytona Bike Week Activities For 2005. March 4<sup>th</sup>- March 13<sup>th</sup>

The Florida Riders Of C.O.G. wish to welcome our fellow members and Concours riders to the great state of Florida. Can you say sunshine and warm weather. We would like to be your information center for any questions and have also set up some events and meetings for riders.



**CAMPING:  
WHERE?  
HOLIDAY  
TRAVEL**

PARK DAYTONA—FROM I95 NORTH OR SOUTH, USE EXIT 278 THE PARK IS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE INTERSTATE

WE SHARE THIS AREA WITH THE BMW RIDERS. GOOD CAMPING FOR \$20.00/DAY.

**B I K E W E E K  
BREAKFAST:WHERE?** BISCUITS N<sup>c</sup> GRAVY AT 3500 NOVA RD., PORT ORANGE, 386-304 9433

WE MEET AT 9:00 AM AND HAVE A SHORT MEETING

THE DATE FOR THIS IS FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005

**RIDERS SUPPER: WHERE?** AUNT CATFISHES REST., WHICH IS ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PORT ORANGE BRIDGE. WE'LL HAVE A ROOM RESERVED. 386-767 4768

THE DATE FOR THIS IS SATURDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup> 2005

WE'LL MEET AT 6:00PM ON THE WATER DECK OUTSIDE.

WE'LL HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON OUR SOUTHEAST WEBSITE AS IT BECOMES

AVAILABLE. EVERYONE SHOULD GO TO THIS EVENT AT LEAST ONCE. ALL KINDS OF BIKES ARE RIDDEN AND THE SPORT BIKE PRESENCE HAS GROWN OVER THE YEARS. IF YOU HAVE HEARD NEGATIVE STORIES ON THIS EVENT, FORGET THEM. I'VE GONE EVERY YEAR FOR 10 YEARS AND HAVE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING BUT HAPPY PEOPLE AND TIMES.

PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE REGARDS

C.O.G. ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS DURING BIKEWEEK ITSELF.

AL NORCROSS/ EMAIL ; IRONBUTTAL@WMCONNECT.COM



# Motorcycle Show Atlanta January 7-9

A great winter time excursion is to the **Cycle World International Motorcycle Show at Cobb Galleria, Atlanta, GA January 7,8,9th 2005**

GTOC members will be able to purchase discounted tickets from the GTOC booth outside the show at anytime during the show. Saturday, Jan 8th, 2005, GTOC members will be allowed in an hour earlier with ticket purchase.

SE COG will be hosting lunch at Jocks & Jill's in the Cobb Galleria at 12 noon on Saturday.

Favorite local hotel is the Sleep Inn, 770-952-9005

Admission:  
\$12.00 Adult  
\$5.00 Children 6 to 11 years old  
Children 5 & under free  
Admission is good for one day only.

Cash only at the ticket booth.

[http://  
atl.motorcycleshows.com/  
atlanta/V40/index.cvn](http://atl.motorcycleshows.com/atlanta/V40/index.cvn)

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## ENC C.O.G.

### NEWSLETTER

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—————**HOPE EVERY-  
ONE HAD A GREAT  
THANKSGIVING !!**—————

—————**IT IS DEFINITELY A TIME TO BE  
THANKFUL!!!!!!!**—————

Weekly (7:00) Wed. Night  
Dinners

Dec. 1, —Sparks American  
Sport Grill—5490 Peakway,  
Apex.

Located on hwy. 55 (W. Will-  
iams St.) Olive Chapel Village  
South of hwy. 64, West side of  
road, (Just N. of a BIG  
Phillips 66 gas station (also on  
west side of road).

Dec. 15, —La Rancherita—  
2711 hwy. 55—(North of  
hwy. 64), Apex  
West side of road, behind a  
Burger King.  
(Just south of High House  
Rd.)

Dec. 29, —Lone Star—  
1301 Kildaire Farm Rd. Cary  
**I GOT MINE!!! Hope every-  
body has rec'd. the  
Latest Concourier!!!**

.....and a very

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
to all !!!!**

Don Spiker, ENC AAD

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## Biketoberfest 2004

A fine turnout of 29 hungry  
ACOGgers make it to our '04  
Biketoberfest breakfast. Once again  
Biscuits & Gravy plied us with mas-  
sive quantities of great grub. Nice  
weather was on tap all weekend long.



Mileage-wise, Paul & Pete rode in  
~1100 from OH; Eric ~1000 from NJ.  
Very impressive, fellas! Brightest  
among the celebrities was none other  
than "Highway Peg" John. Boy, if I  
had a nickle every time someone axed  
me, "where'd ya get those pegs?" I'd  
have retired long ago.

Over at the Speedway demo rides were  
available. Zooming in from another  
group feed at the Blackwater Inn, I  
pulled into Honda JIT at 1:28 for my  
1:30 ride aboard a ST1300. Except for  
the nifty electric windscreen, can you  
say "Accord"? Yawn...zzzzz. That feel-  
ing changed abruptly over at Kawasaki  
for my 1st ride ever on a ZZR-1200.  
Holy smokes, can that thing giddyap  
or what?! Like a locomotive on ster-  
oids. Afterwards I went up to the fella  
leading the group & thanked him for  
the uncharacteristically lively outing.  
My grin lasted for a long spell after-  
wards.

Happy Holidays & thanx to everyone  
who joined us. Seeya down the road.

Paulie in Mijami, '01 Conc, COG  
#4561, South Floriduh AAD

From the Editor:

I have the extra column to fill, so I  
thought I would fill it:) Since my two  
year stint as SEAD, I have been busy  
with the grandson, the recently retired  
wife, a new fishing boat, bicycling,  
spending time at the coast and doing a  
few contract and volunteer jobs in my  
community. Life is good.

Let me hasten to apologize for the tardy  
delivery of the fall newsletter. Seems  
that our local USPO folks misplaced the  
box of 300+ newsletters for a couple  
of weeks. Go figure. Hopefully, it won't  
happen again.

I was able to make the 2004 Run with  
the Wolf. It was good to see ole friends  
and to ride roads that are now like ole  
friends.

When I headed back home from Suches,  
Ga., I stopped by Bald Mtn. Camping  
Resort in Hiawasse to check it out as a  
possible alternative site for the fall rally.  
I was very impressed. There was lots  
of camping room; nice facilities; a very  
large building for big gatherings (300+);  
and it is very close to lots of good ridin'  
roads in N.C. and Ga. It is close to  
Hiawassee which has some motels and  
restaurants. I traveled from Hiawassee  
to Clayton vis Hwy 76. Whee, I had  
forgotten what a great road that is.

I think it will be a good move to take  
the popular fall rally, weekend after la-  
bor day, to Bald Mtn. Camping Resort  
to give us a chance to accommodate  
more COGers, and to be able to gather  
all at one time indoors to share a meal  
and program. You are gonna love it.

Send me some 'content' for the spring  
newsletter so I don't have to fill this thing  
up myself.

'Ride On' and Happy Holidays,  
Calvin Underwood, Newsletter Editor,  
Asheville, N.C.

## Georgia Coggers Gone Koo Koo?

During the October North Georgia Coggers Thursday dinner it was decided to take a day ride on the Cherohala Skyway in November to check out the changing leaves, or at least what was left of them. Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> was the date decided on. Some of us middle GA area Coggers wanted to join along, so we decided to pre-position in North Carolina on

Saturday. Plans were made and a rendezvous time set to meet the 'Atlanta Gang' Sunday morning.

The morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> started bright and clear....well....not really. Under overcast skies, I left the house to meet up with David and Teresa Shepherd at 8:30. I arrived at the gas station, they were gassed and ready to go, so we exchanged our greetings and David led us north looking for Stecoah, NC where we would be camping for the night. The temperatures stayed in the lower 60's and the sun was behind the clouds for the whole day but no precipitation. After passing through Macon, Monticello, Winder, GA on hwy 11 we then picked up hwy 441 just north of Commerce, GA. Shortly after that we took a 'detour' on a nice road, hwy 197 which runs by Lake

Burton, GA. That carried us into North Carolina towards our destination of the Iron Horse Motorcycle Lodge & Campground <<http://www.ironhorsenc.com/>>. What a great place to visit, located just north



of Hwy 28 in between Robbinsville, NC and Bryson City, NC, John & Charlene Powell are the owners and great hosts. Cabins, a bunkhouse or camping spots are available. We were doing the camping thing, so with daylight disappearing, we quickly pitched the tents. A couple of other campers,



Mike and Don from Mississippi (riding 1800 Goldwings) visited with us for a few minutes, then we headed to Robbinsville to find some supper. After a good meal we headed back to

the campsite, bedded down the bikes and ourselves for the night. Being a native Floridian it was a little cold for me but good sleeping gear kept the chill at bay. Sunday morning still had us under overcast skies but the roads were dry. We broke camp quickly, wished the Mississippi Goldwingers a safe ride home and then we pressed on to our rendezvous point in Ducktown, TN. James Freeman, Phil Rockwell, Mark Miller, Reggie Chestnutt and Erik Hess rolled in from Atlanta at the appointed time. A quick run up TN Hwy 68 put us in Tellico Plains, we gassed up and headed east across the Cherohala Skyway. Upon doing the obligatory photo stop at Hooper Bald, were greeted by a loose hunting dog. After a quick cell phone call of the i.d. tag phone number the owner (who was in the area) showed up and was reunited. (What a kind, caring bunch we Coggers can be, we are still working on the world peace thing though.) We finished crossing the Cherohala, passed through Robbinsville, NC with intentions of riding through Hiawassee, GA on the way home. Well, at the lunch stop in Murphy, NC, the Koo Koo Buffet, my anti-rain dance had lost its muster. We donned the rain gear, decided an expedient return home was in order and headed south in a light rain. A quick stop in Blairsville, GA divided us up with the Atlanta group breaking off. David, Teresa and myself pressed on for middle GA on US 129 and as luck would have it, the closer we got to home, the darker it got (where are the deer?) and the heavier the rain fell. Fortunately, it appeared the rain kept the deer population sedated and we all made it home safely with another memorable ride under our belts.

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Larry 'Leaner' Buck says

# "Happy Holidays



to  
**COGdom"**

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## Coming Events for SECOG

### December

December 18 : "Last Blast Before....#2" at the Blackwater Inn in Astor, FL - See page 3

### January

January 7,8,9 2005 : the International Motorcycle Show at the Cobb Galleria in Atlanta - See page 4

January 22-23 : the Escape to the Conc Republic II - see page 2-3

### March

March 4-14, especially March 11-12, Daytona Bike Week - See Page 4

### Winter



### April

April 20-21 : 'Run with the Wolf' at the High Valley Resort in Suches, Ga. - See Pages 1 and 3



### August

## COG National 2005

"The Cascade Connection"  
August 1-5, 2005  
Centralia, Washington

NW Area Director Darrell Anderson and Rally Hosts Bob and Jean Ward, along with the 2005 planning team invite you to a wonderful week of riding in the Fabulous Pacific Northwest.

### September

September 9-11 : Our New SE COG Rally (to be named) at Bald Mountain Park Campground in Hiawassee, Ga. See Page 3