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The 2005 Southeast Regional Rally

Reported by John Carver

The Southeast Rally came about via efforts by **Vic Salisbury** and some of the other area AAD's. The Run for the Wolf had outgrown Two Wheels Only and to retain its name, it was moved to High Valley Resort in the spring-time. This left an opening for another event in the same time slot, the weekend after Labor Day.

From what I can surmise, after some investigation and dialogue, it came about that the Bald Mountain Park would be the site for the fall event and it would be called the Southeast Regional Rally. Well that was good news to **Bob Sherwood**, **Jerry Holland**, and I as we often lend a hand to help Vic. But that was short lived, we soon learned that Vic would not be present and he called on us to try and put things together. Well since none of us have ever hosted an event, we were not going to be the guinea pig for this new major event. So we asked **Larry Buck** to serve as the Rally Master and he agreed. One major item accomplished, but that was just the start. Someone

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Southeast Heat

by Larry Buck, SEAD



As I write this last epistle of 2005, hurricane Wilma still resounds in my mind. It was a serious setback to be sure, but more importantly, it brought home just how vulnerable we were to this giant of a storm. No, it wasn't a Katrina in scope because it was called a "dry" hurricane, meaning we had little rain. But the wind more than made up for that; felling thousands of power poles, stripping trees and roofs without discrimination throughout Southern Florida. Personally, our home suffered minor damage, but the office's roof was torn off and

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there was serious water damage to files, computers, and the shop. After more than two weeks without power, my business finally could start the recovery process and return to something resembling normal. Thanks to everyone who called or emailed to wish **Gini** and I well in this trying time.

Wilma had just cleared the area, and during the week of November 7th, I attended school to become an MSF Rider Coach. I thought long and hard about taking this amount of time during the recovery process to do this, but I had to do it, because I had so much invested in preparing myself for doing this. Thankfully, I passed, and now can help other people learn how to ride, safely. Now, if I could just get my Concours to do a u-turn inside of 20 feet.....I know, I know, it's me; not the bike.

My 2nd term as your SE Area Director ends this month. It has been my pleasure to serve you for the past two years, and if you can stand me for another term, I'd be honored to continue as your Area Director, by receiving your vote in the upcoming election. I would add that this is not a "cast in stone" deal. Any Member is welcome to run for this position if they would like to. Just have another Member nominate you, and another second your nomination.

Our Georgia, Assistant Area Director (AAD), **Vic Salisbury**, has accepted an assignment in Korea with the Air Force. I am asking for



one of you Members in Georgia to step-up to fill Vic's shoes. Vic has done a super job of organizing activities and I'd sure hate to see the momentum lost that he has worked so hard to develop. Don't be shy. I hope one of you in Georgia will come forward to serve the Group there. Please contact me ASAP with any questions you may have about this position on the Southeast Leadership Team.

Godspeed Vic, you will be missed.

Ah yes. Georgia. Did you miss the Southeast Regional Rally in October? Shame on you. You missed one of the better COG events we've had. I can't thank the "Georgia Mafia" (**Bob Sherwood, John Carver & Jerry Holland**), **Al Norcross, Gary Norton, Darrell Hess, Steve Jenkins**, and especially, the attending Riders, enough for making this a great time. Details elsewhere.

I'm happy to report that all but one of your Assistant Area Directors has agreed to continue in their positions, thus insuring the necessary continuity our Group needs. They will be planning activities in your area for 2006 to continue the fine camaraderie we all enjoy so much. They would welcome your sugges-

tions for area activities; just let them know your ideas.

Still more AAD news; **Lynn Marler** (JLynnDoitright@aol.com) is our new AAD in Tennessee, replacing **Jeff Hudspeth**. Welcome aboard Lynn, I'm looking forward to working with you. And special thanks to Jeff Hudspeth for all you have done for COG in TN. Don't be a stranger.

Work is continuing on the Southeast website (www.concours.org/se) to make it even better in '06. Thanks to David Hicks for his work on this. Remember, this is the place to check for upcoming COG activities in the Southeast. Anyone can host a get together of COG members; just contact your AAD or me, and we'll help you pull it off. Be sure to check the other COG area websites too for activities you may want to attend.

On the subject of upcoming activities, I'll put in a shameless plug for the 3rd Annual, "Last Blast Before....." to be held December 30th in Astor, FL. Details elsewhere in this issue. For those not living in Florida, bundle up, and come on down to this Year-end/New Years, Ride to Eat. Details elsewhere in this issue and on the SE website.

Lastly, I hope you and your family have a Merry Christmas and joyous Holiday season.

Larry Buck, SEAD



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needed to make a trip there and iron out the details with the park, with what we would need, what they could provide, and what about food for the Saturday meal?

Now all three of us have jobs and family responsibilities, thus we were not able to get away at the time needed. Larry was too far away for a weekend fact finding mission and time was passing. Then Larry proved to be a valuable asset, a blessing actually, he accomplished what we could not do with just one phone call. Yes, he has a golden finger with his phone. He called another one of our members, **Gary Norton**, who rode over to Hiawassee and in one day, he accomplished all the items that we had no knowledge of. He ironed out the details on reduced price camping sites, he secured the use of the Pavillion, and he lined up the caterer for the Saturday meal. Whew, now we were breathing a sigh of relief. **Larry and Gary, Thanks again.**

Now we just had to work out the other items, like registration, door prizes, ride route maps, name tags, and anything else that was needed. Time was growing shorter by the week, but via email we worked out what our schedule would be, what events we would have, and who would provide or do what. Some time prior I had a discussion with Vic and he expressed that we needed a new name for the event, he

suggested a contest and somehow I was put in charge of that. Larry wanted another bike show like there was at the National in Asheville, so he was the man for that. Jerry took care of the ride route maps, Bob and I both went begging for door prizes.

Now we had a plan, we had things working, progress was being made. Now somehow in all this we, **Bob, Jerry, and I**, had a new name. Larry had named us the **“Georgia Mafia”**. We still have not figured out how that came about, but we like the name so again, Thanks! J

The Wednesday before the event, I was packed and headed to Hiawassee right after I got off work. I met my high school buddy at a motel, we checked in, and then we headed to Bald Mountain Park. Amazingly, **Larry Buck, Al Norcross, and Bob Sherwood** were already there, setup for early registration. I delivered all the paperwork I had prepared, checked out the rest of the facility, checked to make sure the door prizes and other needed items had arrived. All was in order, we were almost totally ready for the rally. Jerry Holland arrived shortly after. Then we laid out our final plans, called it a day, and went to a local restaurant and had a great meal.

The next day we tried to get in our riding. Larry, Al, and Bob had a short day as they were again working registration. We all rode off different ways

and times, but we all did the Cherohala sometime during that day. That is still one of the better routes for a great ride. Being a Friday, most people are still arriving so it is sign in and get comfortable.

About 6:30 Larry did a great talk on the Concours. It was mostly a technical talk with facts, figures, and tips on how to maintain your bike in good order. He included some information on the many things that one can add to the bike. He did so well that my high school buddy was now considering buying a Concours. After Larry's talk, most spent some more hours socializing, meeting new friends and learning more about old friends.

The next day was the main riding day for all. Some went off and did Deals Gap, some did Tail of the Dragon, some did Cherohala, some rode Wolf Pen Gap Rd, some did 129, but all had great weather, great roads, and it was a safe day for all. No major problems.

Most of us on the work team stayed close by, doing whatever was needed and setting up for things later in the day. By mid afternoon, Larry was off cleaning his bike for the bike contest. There could not have been a spec of dust anywhere on his Concours, he did a major detail job on it. Course, he always does, he is very proud of his Concours. **Again, hats off to Larry!**

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Shortly afterwards the contests started, our members did the voting. Now we were shuffling papers; votes for the bike contestants and ballots for the Name the Rally contest. At the same time we had to prepare for the caterer and the evening meal. A little manpower and things were in order. A short time later, people were lined up, a few words were said and the line stated moving, members filling their plates with barbeque and sitting down to eat. The food was quite good and for those with a need for more, there was some left for seconds. Oh, dessert was included and quite tasty.

Now came time for the awards and door prizes. Larry announced the winners of the bike contest. The overall winner was not a Concours, but it was a Kawasaki, a very sharp ZZR1200. Jerry announced the winner of the Name the Rally contest. The winning name was "Winding Roads and Rivers" majority vote decided that. Then Larry took care of the other assorted awards and the door prizes. I worked as the manpower, picking up and then delivering the prizes. When all prizes were awarded, I think there were only about 6 people who did not win a prize. That is pretty good.

Now planning as much as we did, trying to make sure that we had all things covered, we left one thing out. We did not have anyone to record the names of the winners for anything. So if you wonder why I have not included the winners of various awards, now you know why. How bad was it, I had to ask some of the other members what was the winning name of the "Name the Rally Contest", and I was the sponsor of this event???

If you end up working or helping with an event, you do not take notice of many things that are going on, at least not a

significant notice. You are more concerned with what has to be done for that instant. So next time we, the Georgia Mafia has to be involved with an event, we may be calling on you to be the recorder..

After the banquet folks drifted off to various places, socializing, relaxing, and in general having a great time. We did a little cleaning up and setting things up for the next morning, then we too did some socializing before calling it a night.

The next morning most were packing up, saying their goodbyes and wishing each and all a safe trip. We had a good rally. Quite good for a first time event at this location, at a time when the gas supply was in question and gas prices were quite high. I think it ended up that we had 86 people to attend the event. That is about the same number that attended the last fall Run With The Wolf at TWO.

This time it was the "SouthEast Regional Rally"(SERR). The next time it will be the "Winding Roads and Rivers Rally"(WRRR), but as of now, no location has been chosen that I am aware of. If you have something in mind, let your AAD know of it.

As many of you know, **Vic Salisbury**, our leader for Georgia, is having to spend a significant time overseas in service to our country, we will miss him. Vic has provided those of us in Georgia with great leadership, great times, and he is also a great riding partner. We will miss him greatly. **A big Thank You for all.**

Also I want to Thank **Larry Buck** for stepping up and serving as Rally Master. Thanks goes out to **Gary Norton** for his time and commitment. Thanks to **Al Norcross** for his time and effort. And while it may be last, it is not the least, Thanks to my team members, **Bob Sherwood and Jerry Holland.**

Now for those who have an event or activity in mind, or something that you could assist with, let your AAD know, he needs your help. These events only take place through the efforts of those who volunteer their time and effort.

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John Ray Carver, Jr.



Gary Norton, Best Tee Shirt



Darrell Hess, Connie Buggy



Workshops



Don Spiker, ENC AAD, was there



Connie Loves those Curves!

Tennessee COGers Land Between the Lakes Ride

October 15, 2005

Tennessee COG is fortunate to have people like **Pat "Mongo" Bowen**. Pat organized a ride to Patti's Settlement in Grand Rivers, Kentucky via Land Between the Lakes. Several Coglydites and friends met at the Main Street Café in Ashland City, TN on October 15, 2005. We enjoyed a hearty breakfast and good company before hitting the road.

We left Ashland City and headed toward Land Between the Lakes on Hwy 49. Lots of fast sweepers entertained us all the way to Dover. There we met up with some more Coggers from West Tennessee. After enjoying some more good fellowship, we hit the road again. Our journey through LBL started with a side trip by Piney Campground, which is a nice place to pitch a tent if you ever want to explore Land Between the Lakes.

After arriving at Patti's Settlement, we were treated to some of the most delectable treats many of us had experienced in a long time. The 2 inch thick pork chop is absolutely incredible, as are the pies and many other deserts on the menu. Patti's also features several interesting shops the ladies always enjoy browsing through.

After lunch everyone went their separate ways. I had intended to bring a tent and sleeping bag, but for some reason, I didn't. I just took my time going home. There is lots to explore at LBL, especially if you aren't intimidated by a gravel road. Back country camping is allowed with a permit, so

if you are looking for a quiet place to sleep under that stars, be sure to check it out. I take my family there every winter. We cage it up (February, usually) and rent a cabin for 2-3 nights. Winter is a great time to view the Bald Eagles.

It was a great day. Leave it to Mongo when you need to ride to eat to ride to eat!

Reported by **Jeff Hudspeth**, AAD for E.TN

I've been Petcocked!

Didn't know a noun could be a verb? Read on.

Connie has been a pretty good girl, taking me over 104,000 trouble-free miles, with nary a whimper. But last week she got the flu, evidenced by a severe cough at idle up to about 3,000 RPMs. Was it the spark plug wires getting corroded, causing high resistance? Was it the igniter box going south? Did one of the carbs decide to go on strike? The garage DID smell a little more strongly of gas fumes than usual lately....better think a little more before diving into the bowels of the bike.

6:30 A.M., Tuesday, 11/22/05. Into the garage to leave for work. What's this? A two foot diameter puddle of gas is on the floor. Gas is dripping out under the bottom of the left side cover. Remove the side cover. Gas is running out of the air cleaner box. Yikes! O.K., how could gas be coming from there? The petcock must be leaking. Pull the fuel hose off the petcock....splash splash, get your finger over the hole dummy! Put the hose back on. Rig up a hose to drain the fuel into a fuel can. Fuel drained at 07:00, all 6+ gallons of it.

For many people this situation would cause a call to a dealer/tow service and result in several days lay-up of the bike. Others, who are mechanically inclined, would order the parts to do the work themselves after waiting several days for the parts. One of the first things I learned in long distance riding and rallying was to carry, among other items, the parts to rebuild the petcock (about \$17.00 at the time) among other things.

If you're with me so far, there is much more to this story. If you ever have the above happen to you, and you rebuild the petcock, **DO NOT TRY TO START THE ENGINE** after the petcock is re-installed. All that gas on the floor indicated the float on one of the carburetors did not seal, and allowed fuel to fill a cylinder with fuel. The engine is now hydro locked. Trying to start it could bend a connecting rod or the crankshaft....a terminal condition. You must also remove the ignition coils, spark plug wires and spark plugs. Then place a towel(s) across the open spark plug holes and crank the engine. This will expel (quite forcefully) the raw fuel in the cylinder and remove the hydro locked condition. Then drain the carburetor bowls, checking for crud/rust. This also allows the floats to fall fully downward in the fuel bowls; hopefully un-sticking any of the suspect floats. Also, change the oil and filter; just in case fuel got into the oil in the crankcase. Reassemble everything and you should be good to go.

Moral of the story: Carry the parts to rebuild the petcock. Even if you cannot do the work, you will have the parts that a technician will need to fix it and get you on your way.

When it comes to petcock failure: there are those that haven't, and those that will.....just what pilots say about gear-up landings. It just a matter of when.

Submitted by **Larry Buck**, SEAD

'Escape to the Conc Republic III'

One mo' time, 3rd time's the charm, strike 3, take yer pick of cheesy lines. Irregardless, it's...Escape to the Conc Republic III!

Join us for the 130 mile cruz to Key West...

Leaving: 8am Saturday 1/21/06

From: Quick Mart Mobil (used to be 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 we'll then ride to the Southernmost Point for the obligatory photo op, then back to Florida City. Many of us will take advantage of the fun/budget accommodations available 1 block W of the above Mobil that can also handle camping: Everglades Hostel, 20 SW 2nd Ave, 305-248-1122, 800-372-3874. Please book online at <http://www.evergladeshostel.com/accommodations.htm> Enter COG

The 3rd Annual "Last Blast Before....."

Come one – Come all to the Blackwater Inn in Astor, Florida, along the beautiful St. Johns river, to celebrate 2005 and the upcoming New Year. You can bench race, tell lies, or just hang out with a great Owner's Group that just happens to ride a great motorcycle.

Open to all riders and makes, bring some friends. We are an equal opportunity owner's group.

We'll meet around 10:30 – 11:00 A.M. on the 30th of December, 2005

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

Questions: contact **Larry Buck** (lruck@aol.com), Cell: 954/415-1828

before yer first name so they can keep us nutcases together.

The **next morning** we'll take the scenic route thru Mijami to breakfast in kewl South Beach...

Leaving: 7am Sunday 1/22/06

From: above Mobil

Destination: Front Porch Cafe, 1418 Ocean Dr, Miami Beach

National 'High Plains Drifter' Rally Its Not Too Early to Plan

There currently is a discussion going on the COG Forum about riders from the SE, Mid Atlantic and NE gathering up and riding together (or meeting up along the way) to the COG National. This is the link to the discussion: http://www.concours.org/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=16659

You can read all you want. If you want to post comments to the topic you will need to register if you are not a member already. You can also access the COG Forum home page from our COG home page, there is a Forum tab at the top of the home page. See page 7 for more info on the 2006 National

Not too early to plan.

Vic Salisbury, S. Ga AAD
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Robins AFB, GA
www.concours.org/se/

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, paul.heydemann@netzero.net

2006 National Rally 'High Plains Drifter'

The members and officers of COG's North Central Region are excited to be your hosts for the 2006 National Rally to be held **June 26 – July 1 in Hill City, South Dakota**. The rally hosts, the dedicated volunteers and the town of Hill City are excited to make this rally a premier COG event.

Hill City was founded in 1876 and was a booming town of miners, merchants, and muleskinners. The town survived the ups and downs of the gold rush era and today is a vibrant and progressive community of about 800 residents. While in Hill City, one can spend a relaxed day on the downtown streets checking out the unusual shops, art galleries, museums, brewpubs, candy stores, and outstanding restaurants. Or, for something off the beaten path, take a vintage train ride or visit the local winery. There is something for every interest!

Of course, the first and foremost reason for this rally is for COG members to explore the hidden beauty of the Black Hills region. There are a variety of landscapes within a short distance from rally headquarters: high rolling plains, the badlands, emerald forests, and granite mountains.

One of the most recognizable icons of American democracy – Mount Rushmore is just minutes from Hill City. Its museum and the Presidential Trail are a must-see. Further down the road is Custer State Park. It is one of the largest state parks in the country and has one of the nation's largest herds of free-roaming bison. Also included within the broad park acreage is Harney Peak, the tallest mountain east of the Rockies, and the park's "crown jewel" Sylvan Lake. Badlands National Park features a stunning panorama and is only an hour east of Rapid City. Wind and erosion have created an eerie moonscape of deep gorges and jagged saw tooth ridges. It is one of the world's richest fossil beds. The Wind and Jewel Caves are home to one of the largest underground passages on the earth. Wind Cave is the world's sixth longest cave, while Jewel Cave is the third longest. Some of the most rare cave specimens in the world are located within these two caves. Further north is Devils Tower National Monument. It is a massive stone pillar that juts into the sky 1,267 feet above the Belle Fourche River Valley.

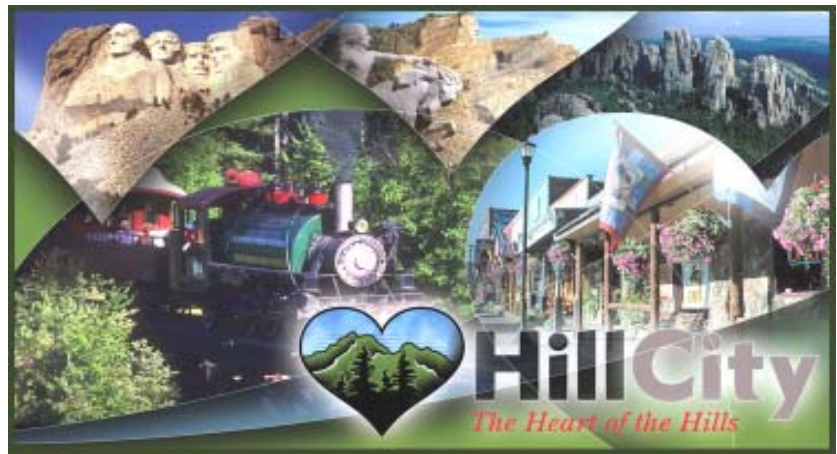
Some other areas to explore outside of the National Parks include towns such as Deadwood, Sturgis, Lead, Rapid City, and Keystone.

When it comes to twisty roads, the Black Hills has a wide variety. Iron Mountain Road is an amazing winding road with wildfire exhibits, pigtail bridges, pull offs with magnificent Black Hills scenery and tunnels framing Mount Rushmore. Needles Highway – which snakes through Custer State Park – is aptly named for the needle-like tall, sharp, granite rock formations that dot the roadside. The Spearfish Canyon-National Scenic Byway twists through the gorge where Spearfish Creek lines the canyon floor and white limestone cliffs rise on every side. Canyon water falls, like Bridal Veil and Roughlock Falls, are popular roadside attractions. The Latchstring Restaurant – which is across the road from the Spearfish Canyon Lodge and Resort – has some of the best food in the area.

This only scratches the surface of things to see and do in the Black Hills. The 2006 Rally Committee has already started preparation on the details for ride routes and rally activities. There will definitely be something for everyone! To truly begin your journey to the rally and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Concours, consider the Pre-rally event in Lincoln that offers a glimpse of where the motorcycle is made by taking part in the Kawasaki plant tour. There are a limited number of spots available, so make sure to get your entry in early.

COG members planning a trip to Hill City from Lincoln will find the route to be approximately 500 miles. All tools needed to assist in trip planning will be located on the 2006 National Rally website. Information will include suggested routes to and from the rally, list of registrants, accommodation details, rally schedule, and any other pertinent information. **The website address is [www/concours.org/2006/](http://www.concours.org/2006/).**

On the High Plains Drifter rally we will celebrate 20 years of the Concours and the wonders of the Black Hills. Hope to see you there in 2006! Chris Baum and Jerry Layman – 2006 National Rally Hosts Larry Leranath – North Central AD
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Larry 'Leaner' Buck says

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Where:

Cobb Galleria Centre
Exhibit Halls A-D
Two Galleria Pkwy.
Atlanta, GA 30339
www.cobbgalleria.com

When:

∴ Friday, March 17
4:00pm - 9:00pm
∴ Saturday, March 18
10:00am - 9:00pm; Noon COG
Lunch
∴ Sunday, March 19
11:00am - 6:00pm

Admission:

\$12.00 Adult
\$5.00 Children 6-11
Children 5 & under free

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Cash only at the ticket booth. Be prepared - the convention center may not have an ATM.

Discounts:

[Click here](#) for a list of dealerships in your area offering Discount Coupons. Also, AMA members who show their membership cards at the onsite box office will receive a \$1.00 coupon redeemable at the AMA booth at the show. (Only one type of discount per attendee will apply. Discount Coupons are only applicable to adult ticket purchases. Hurry into your local dealership - they go quickly!)

(source: from the International Motorcycle Show Website)

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