



# Concours Owners Group Southeast Area News



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Need Ride leaders. Contact your  
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**Send e-mail and  
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## Vic Salisbury's 'Surprise Party'

by John Ray Carver, Jr.

With all that Vic Salisbury has done for those of us in Georgia and the Southeast, it was only fitting that we do something to honor him. So we planned a 'Surprise Party', sort of. We had to consult Vic for a date. He had a class to take in Texas, had to move his family to Florida, and take care of all other items and loose ends as he would be out of the country for at least a year. He also was not in favor of this, but I left him no choice.

To skip ahead a bit, Vic went to his class only to find out there was no class, so he returned home and awaited new orders. Then I got a phone call and he stated we needed to change the date as he would be leaving much sooner than prior. We agreed on the Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and I revised things to accommodate the change, which was less

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## Southeast Heat

by Larry Buck, SEAD

The New Year is here and your Southeast leadership team is planning activities for your enjoyment in the coming months. These events will be posted on the Southeast website ([www.concours.org/se](http://www.concours.org/se)), and you should check it often to keep abreast of upcoming activities.

Florida riders ended 2005 with "The Last Blast Before...#3" on December 30<sup>th</sup> and kicked off the year with **Paul Heydemann's (South Florida AAD) "Escape to the Conch Republic"** and you'll find reports on these rides elsewhere in this issue.

**Guy Young (COG, Executive Director) has appointed Bob Sherwood (Statesville, GA) to the position of COG, Industry Liason, replacing our Vic Salisbury who is on assignment with the Air Force in Korea. Bob's job is to**

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Bob Sherwood, Jerry Holland and John Carver funnin' with Vic (center) at the party

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than 2 weeks away.

On the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Guy Young, our Executive Director, met me at my home and we drove down to Warner Robins for the party. Now the worst part of this is what you just read, we drove, YES, in a cage. Most



of us had planned on riding to the event, but with the cold, rain, and snow, most all did likewise and drove. There was one person who rode, Paul Heydemann, our OTP winner. Congratulations again Paulie!

We arrived at the party about 20 minutes early, a few of the members were there so we talked shop for a bit while the others arrived. By 1:00 most all (about 35) were present and Vic had arrived, so we started. I led things off with a short "Thanks" for all he has done and I presented him with a bottle of something we have shared on several occasions, "Weller Antique Reserve". Next was Reggie who also honored him and presented him with a Certificate for a dinner for two at Red Lobster. Next some of his MSF coaches from the base honored him with an engraved glass plaque and a new riding jacket. Now he needed that jacket, as he has been wearing the same jacket ever since I met him many years ago. Bob Sherwood was next and he honored him with assorted gifts along with a gift certificate. Then it

came time for us, "The Georgia Mafia" to honor him and we made him a member of "The Georgia Mafia" and also presented him with a sizeable gift certificate to Best Buys and some cash which we had accepted from those present. Next Guy thanked and honored Vic for all he had done for COG.

Then Vic took the floor, somewhat still surprised and overwhelmed by all this. He "Thanked" us all many times, shared his plans for the future, and then it was time for another item, Barney. We are trying to get Barney back on the road and eventually in the hands of the OTP traveler so he can take him to Europe. Little did we know, the OTP winner was with us. Vic presented Barney to Bob as he was for sure going to the National in Hill City.

By this time we had finished our meals, shared our gifts, gave our speeches, and all were very pleased with all but one thing, we needed to leave and go home as the weather was again looking bad. In case you have not heard this, you may join COG for the bike, but you will stay for the people.

My closing thoughts, may God speed and look over you and yours, Vic. Now that I've lost one of my riding partners, any volunteers?

Pictures of the event can be seen on Webshots, just search for COG or member joh2car.

Submitted by: John Ray Carver, Jr.

**Vic's new e-mail addresses:  
vsalisbury1@tampabay.rr.com**



Reggie Chestnutt, the Atlanta Area AAD, tells one on Vic



Vic and his '99 Connie "Taz"



Vic and Jerry Holland share a gag gift



COG Executive Director, Guy Young, thanks Vic, who had also served as COG Industry Liason and GA AAD, for a job well done



Vic shares a laugh with 'Barney'

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Pictures are by John Carver and Bob Sherwood

## Southeast Heat

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maintain our good relations with Kawasaki, and the many companies and COG Industry Members that support the Group by providing door prizes at rallies, etc. Good Luck, Bob, you are a natural for this job.

Jerry Holland, e-mail = [cognosticator@yahoo.com](mailto:cognosticator@yahoo.com), from Rincon, GA, has assumed the duties of Assistant Area Director for Georgia, replacing Vic Salisbury. Jerry has been very active in COG activities for quite some time and is already hard at work planning the Run With the Wolf Rally. Welcome aboard, Jerry. I'm looking forward to working with you and the "Georgia Mafia".

Some highlights of our early 2006 schedule to mark on your calendar are:

**March 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>:** We will make our annual pilgrimage to Daytona Beach, FL, for Bikeweek

**April 7<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>:** The one, the only, "Run With the Wolf" Rally, hosted by Jerry Holland and the Georgia Mafia, will be held at the High Valley Resort in Suches, GA.

**June 26<sup>th</sup> - July 1<sup>st</sup>:** COG "High Plains Drifter" National Rally, Hill City, SD

**September 7<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>:** The "Winding Rivers & Roads", Regional Rally, Cruso, NC. Check the SECOG and COG websites regularly for the latest on rides.

This **newsletter** is our way of keeping Southeast members up on activities and news of interest to them. A typical issue cost's are approaching \$300.00 to print and mail it and 3 or 4 issues per year leaves little or none of our \$1,000.00 budget from National. One way for us to control the cost, is to publish the newsletter on the Southeast website and mail hard copies to those members who do not have email addresses. At the present

time, we publish it on the website AND mail it to all COG members in the Southeast. What has been suggested is to continue mailing the newsletter to those members for which we do not have email addresses and announce, via email, to the remaining members, the current issue's availability on our website. This would reduce our postage/printing costs substantially. The newsletter is published in .PDF format on the web and can easily be printed out, looking exactly like the mailed issue. **Please check your email address in for the COG Membership Directory.** If it has changed, or is not listed, please send me an email with "New Email Address" on the subject line. No message is necessary. **Thank you** in advance for your understanding of this situation.

## FATHER TIME'S 2005 LAST BLAST #3!

By: Jo Poole

Oh the joy of the holidays. Time to visit with old friends, met new people; to share and celebrate the good times. Mid-winter weather can be snowy, cold, or just plan wet and lousy in some areas of the COG southeast region. But, not at the Blackwater Inn, in Astor, FL. Early daytime was definitely cool for North Florida (30's), but warmed up to the mid 60's, with sunshine and a light breeze. Again, for the third year running, the weather improved during the day to present us with another end-of-the-year great weather riding day.

Riders came from near and far, some



Last Blast pictures by Bob Sherwood  
'TN Gang's 'Last Blast'>

braving rain and almost sleet (**Gary Norton**, from Travelers Rest, SC) to those sunny and warm tropical citizens in southern Florida (**Larry Buck and Phil Morales**).

Once again there was a turnout of over 30 riders plus a several 2 ups. The brave off-on-a-Friday souls shared tasty food (special d'jour was fried grouper fingers); interesting stories; and as usual, great company.

The turnout was scattered throughout the restaurant, some cozy and warm inside, and some outside enjoying the sunshine and cool breezes. There was conversation spreading around all the tables. The 50/50 raffle had many contributing and provided a nice payout to both the winner and the club. As for now the winner will remain anonymous. However, I do recall hearing several members commenting that they were going to tell his wife, so he had better 'fes up about winning the pot when he got home.

Naturally, riders circulated among the bikes, commenting and asking questions of the owner's about their modifications. On a somber note, many said their "see you later's" and "good luck" wishes to **Vic Salisbury** (GA-AAD) as he will be going to Korea for his next duty station. Vic did let us know that he is putting in for the southeast region again upon his return, with Florida being his number one request. Take care Vic!!

After the usual photo-op, riders departed with hearty, Happy New Year wishes and See you later at one of the next RTE's.

Be sure to watch next fall for the posting of this RTE and mark it on your calendar as a grand way to end up the year and a fun way to kick- start 2007!





Vic and Bob Sherwood, the new COG Industry Liaison, at the 2005 RWTW Rally.



Vic recognizing former SEAD and initiator of the first RWTW Rally, Joan Moody at the 2004 RWTW. Vic always recognizes folks and give credit. A sure sign of a good leader.



Vic having fun at a RWTW Rally .



Jeff Hudspeth, in the yellow, worked the registration table at the 'Polar Bear Ride'

## Polar Bear Run

by Jeff Hudspeth, TN AAD

The Knights for Christ chapter of the Christian Motorcyclist Association has a Polar Bear Run every year on January 1<sup>st</sup>. I have been a member of this outfit since it started, so I have had the please of participating in all the Polar Bear Runs. Basically what we are trying to do is raise a little money for charity and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The last three years in a row we have been blessed with some extremely nice weather, and as a result attendance at the Polar Bear Runs has been tremendous. This year we had over 200 riders and raised over \$3000 to benefit the Maury County Red Cross and the Senior Citizens Center, which hosted the event.

Our Polar Bear Runs are a self guided ride. We develop a route sheet and pass it out to the registered riders. If you have ever attended a COG event, you are familiar with this format. Most of the riders who turn out for the Polar Bear Runs are usually riding V-twins, and have been used to a more "structured" format. They like to travel in herds, preferably with a police escort, so it has taken some time to get them used to reading maps and traveling on their own.

We have three games that we have the riders play along the route. This gives them an opportunity to stop and warm up, have some coffee, leave some coffee, whatever. At each stop they play a game. The rider has a scorecard, and we write their score on their card. When they get back to the start, we add up all the scores. Whoever gets the most points gets first pick of the door prizes. We keep going until we have given away all the prizes, and usually most everyone walks away with something.

The Knights for Christ also feeds the masses. We offer the cold and hungry riders various types of chili and sandwiches plus snacks, coffee, and

drinks. No one ever goes away hungry, and we always have more food than we can give away. All the food and drinks are provided by the Knights, and no expenses of the event is paid for with registration proceeds. All the proceeds go to charity.

This year I worked the registration table, so I was late getting away to go on the ride. **Coggers Pat Bowen and Glenn Dodge** participated, but they were already out on the route by the time I got to leave. There were also a few other guys that showed up riding crotch rockets, and I was glad to see them. Some of you know Blake Smith, who was also there. For those of you who don't know him, he's a former Connie owner, current BMW owner, all around good guy, and has attended several COG events in the Southeast. I was surprised to find some the cruiser guys were waiting on me to lead them on the route – old habits die hard – so I had to go pretty slow, and I was afraid we would not get back to the Senior Citizens Center in time to get in on the prizes and food. Fortunately, we made it on time, and yours truly won the 50-50 pot, worth \$195! Most of that was promptly sent to Murph in exchange for a new Cee Bailey's windshield.

Lots of ride groups have events each year like Polar Bear Runs, toy runs, etc. These events are usually attended by cruiser riders, and it is pretty rare to see a Concours at most of these events. I think this is a shame. These groups are usually trying to do something positive for the community. I would like to see COGERS doing more to lend a helping hand. OK so the ride itself is usually too slow for most of us, and the stops too frequent and too long, but that isn't the point. Go on out there and fellowship with your brothers and sisters of the wind, and do something to help someone less fortunate. You'll be glad you did.

## *Paulie's Going 'Over the Pond'*



**W**ow! Jackpot! Score! Front Row! We gotta wiener! It's me! No way! Way! OMG! :-)

Ladies & gentlemen, lemme tip my hat, take a deep bow, & somehow attempt to express my gratitude for helpin to get my butt Over the Pond (OtP) in '06. It began with a nomination from John (IIRC who also took this pic at the Asheville Nationals). Then all of yer votes poured in. Yer generous pledges of support are the means to "make it so". The EGB (Evil Grin Boyz - Ted, Hans, Spencer, & Co) behind the scenes organizing the madness. The result? This lucky fella will be on his way to the Euro COG rally in Sweden 6/12-18. Unreal.

I think twas poetic justice for me to have ridden to a COG outing & be stayin at a COGger's crib when I learned of my great fortune. Vic's going away tribute lunch in GA on 2/11 was a real fine event, with a huge, happy turnout for such a crappy weather forecast. When I got the news at the home of brand-new GA AAD Jerry, I think I woke everybody up with my excited yammerin. Sorry, guys! :P

Tentatively I'll be headin over on 6/9 & will return homey on 7/3. So far on the prep front, I just got a mega 512mb card for my camera so there'll be plenty of room for lotsa pix. The passport's been dusted off & an Intl DL is ready to go. There are beaucoup details not yet determined, but I'll try to keep yas informed & will be sub-

mitting a full report upon completion of this once-in-a-lifetime dream cruz.

If there's any way to keep those cards & letters (pledges) coming, that'd be great! Send em to Spencer Farrow via [paypal\\_spencer\\_farrow@yahoo.com](mailto:paypal_spencer_farrow@yahoo.com) or by money transfer/check/cash to his home: Spencer Farrow 12711 NE 138th Street Kirkland, WA 98034-2261 Please mark it "OTP", so he doesn't mistakenly discard the envelope along with the junk mail. :-)

Thanx again, & hope to seeya at a COG event real soon!

Paulie, Mijami Floriduh, '01 Conc, COG, HSTA, MTF OtP '06...woohoo!

## *'Escape to the Conc Republic III'*

**T**he date? 1/21/06. Deep in the heart of winter for lotsa COGgers, their Concs silently hibernating under cover. But not aqui in the land of year-round cruzin, S Floriduh. For, verily, it was the appointed day of reckoning for...Escape to the Conc Republic III! <cue thunderous orchestra chord>

Escape stalwarts Phil, Al, Larry, & I welcomed noobies Doug, Joe, Kurt, & Richard (finishing up a 100k year...OMG!), all of us aboard spiffy Concs. BMW-challenged rookies Phil & Linda also joined the fray...all of us stragglin down to Key West. Concridin Todd & Jo instead checked out Everglades NP.

After a fine repast at the Half Shell Raw Bar, Joe, Linda, & I played tourist & strolled over to Mallory Square. Doug joined us for a scoot to the Southernmost Point, then all converged back at our starting point the hostel in Floriduh City. Here I discovered Al & Jo deep into cookin up a storm of a dindin for proly 30 mouths in all.

Hey, guys, may I suggest a career change - to catering?! :-)

The jokes, BS, & beverages were gettin kinda thick, so Doug & I walked to the nearby Speed Demons kart track. We had our race-faces on & were ready to show the other drivers (mostly teens) how to git R done. Well, um, uh, I'll spare ya the gory details, but that's not quite how it turned out. Instead of Matt & Valentino, we were proly closer to Moe & Curly. At least we didn't get lapped! :P

The next morn had us rollin down my fave coastal route to So Be, aka South Beach, where if yer not "cool" they don't let ya in. (I guess we snuck in the back way.) Bart also joined us en route for brekkie at the good ole Front Porch Cafe. Altho the beautiful-people-watching wasn't quite up to snuff, the chow was. Afterwards the gang split up to head for our respective barns. Thanx to all of yas for makin it...seeya next time!

Paulie, Mijami Floriduh, '01 Conc, COG, HSTA, MTF OtP '06...woohoo!

## *SECOG Schedule Maintenance*

**T**he editor got much of the schedule information from the SECOG website. This is an excellent place to share up-to-date ride and event information. David Hicks does an excellent job of timely posting whatever we send his way. All AADs are urged to send David all ride and event information, even the 'ride-to-eat' routine type of rides. You never know when a new member is looking to get connected or someone is passing through your area. Also, for the non-internet connected, it is a great source for ride info for this hard copy newsletter. Thank you for all you are doing and for your extra efforts in keeping us all informed.



**3/10/2006 to 3/11/2006**

**Daytona Bikeweek  
Chili Dinner - Jim &  
Pat Polito 5 p m .**

This is a great chance to get COGgers and friends together. Pat makes wonderful chili and will also have a few sandwich things as well as sodas & water to drink. We'll also have brownies & coffee for desert. Cost will be \$5 per person; any surplus will go to SECOG. Please RSVP to us - our phone number is 386-788-3800 or an e-mail to me at [jpolito@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jpolito@cfl.rr.com). Our house is easy to find. We live at 318 Olive St, S Daytona 32119. If on I-95 north or south take exit 260a east. you will be on Beville road or state road 400 which is the same road. Take Beville road east until you dead end into Rt. 1 (S.Ridgewood Ave). This is about 5 miles. Turn right (south) on Rt. 1 go about 1/2 mile to Olive St. first right after Florida Buffet. Turn right on Olive St. We are the house with RV on the west side of it. If traveling on I-4, I-4 east turns into Beville road (state road 400) after going over I-95. Then see directions above.

**Jim Polito 386-788-3800**

**3/11/2006** Daytona Bikeweek - COG Bikeweek Breakfast **9am Biscuits 'n' Gravy & More**, 3500 Nova Rd, Port Orange, FL 32129, Phone: (386) 304-9433 This is ~15 min SE of the Speedway. Coming from the N on I-95, exit SR400/Beville Rd, go E, and turn S on Nova Rd. Or coming from the S

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**The 14th Annual Run with the Wolf Rally** is approaching faster than a Connie on a straight stretch- **April 7-9 at the High Valley Resort in Suches, Georgia.** [www.highvalleyresort.com/camp.htm](http://www.highvalleyresort.com/camp.htm)

**Pre-registration is requested**, Only \$15 for COG members and their guests; \$25 for Non-COG members and their guests. Send a completed registration form with a check or money order made payable to "Concours Owners Group" to:

**Concours Owners Group  
Jerry Holland  
302 McCall Rd  
Rincon, GA 31326**

The registration form can be downloaded at [http://www.concours.org/se/Downloads/RWTW2006\\_Reg.doc](http://www.concours.org/se/Downloads/RWTW2006_Reg.doc) OR, if you have trouble downloading OR you don't have internet, just contact **John Carver** at [john@concours.org](mailto:john@concours.org) 706-453-4915 or **Jerry Holland** [cognosticator@yahoo.com](mailto:cognosticator@yahoo.com) 912-596-7393

This continues to be one of the best rallies anywhere. The people and the rides are great.

on I-95, exit SR421/Dunlawton Ave, go E, and turn N on Nova Rd. Look for it in a small strip mall on the W side of the street, just S of Madeline.

**Paul Heydemann**



**5/6//2006 to 5/7/2006**

**Orlando, FL -**

**The Art of the Motorcycle** Come meet fellow bikers at The Art of The Motorcycle, a special exhibit at the **Orlando Museum of Art**. You'll find 80 of the most significant motorcycles from 1884 to 2005. First exhibited at the Guggenheim Museum on 5th Ave in NYC. Arrive at the museum whenever you wish. Then, ride with fellow COGers to Winter Haven for a traditional American Outdoor BBQ and pool party. We will depart the museum at closing time, 5pm, and ride to the BBQ. Food, soft drinks, and facilities supplied. Bring your favorite adult beverage (BYOB) and your bathing suit. \$3 cover at the house. See museum page for fee schedule.

**Where (Museum):** Orlando Museum of Art, 2416 North Mills Avenue, Orlando, Florida 32803-1483 (407) 8 9 6 - 4 2 3 1  
**Where (BBQ/Party):** 2901 Plantation Road, Winter Haven, FL 33884

**Please RSVP to Douglas Re by April 28th if you plan to attend.**

**Hosts:** COGers Douglas Re and Sarah Richardson

**Accommodations:** Indoors. People with good aim are welcome in our home. There are a few bedrooms. They will fill up quick, but there should be plenty of floor space. Bring everything but a tent!

**What else to bring:** Bring your favorite biker movie for after-hours.

**D o u g l a s R e  
407-791-1543**

## Georgia RTE

This ride will be every third Saturday of each month. Keep an eye on the SECOG website <http://www.concours.org/se/> or contact Jerry Holland [cognosticator@yahoo.com](mailto:cognosticator@yahoo.com) 912-596-7393 for details.

## ENC Report

**HISTORY: TOO LATE !** If you weren't there, you missed it! The Tech Session was great! 11 Technicians changed brake pads, (they will last 30K), bled out old grungy fluid & adjusted valves. Our very own **Rodger Ragan** (Vision Vests) donated (ThanksRodger!) a Pro Tour Vest for a door prize—won by **Rick Smith**. **Donna** fed us those scrumptious burgers again....**Thanks Donna!**.....  
**Attending:** Marvin Gurganus, Jeff & Benjamin Newman, Brett Arnold, Gene & Jody Keye, Rodger Ragan, Rick & Wayne Smith, Stuart & Donna Heyel, & John Inzaina.  
Weekly (7:00) Wed. Night Dinners

### Coming Events:

**Mar. 1,** SPARKS, 5490 Apex Peakway, Apex (off Williams St/Hwy.55)

**Mar. 15,** BASS LAKE DRAFT HOUSE, 124 Bass Lake Rd. Holly Springs.

**Mar. 29,** La Rancherita 2711 NC hwy. 55 intersection @ High House Rd., Apex

**May 5-8,** NC Lighthouse Tour, Donna Heyel & Jody Keye....YIPPEE!



Submitted by Don Spiker

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**3/18/2006 Georgia RTE & Cycle World Motorcycle Show - Atlanta, GA**

### Where:

Cobb Galleria Centre  
Exhibit Halls A-D  
Two Galleria Pkwy.  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
[www.cobbgalleria.com](http://www.cobbgalleria.com)

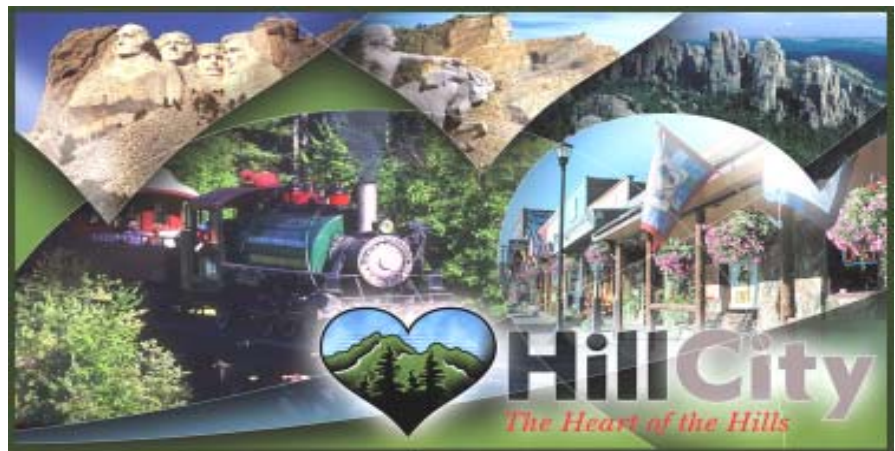
### Avoid the lines - Buy your e-tickets online!

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

This year we will be conducting our normal Ride-To-Eat on the 3rd Saturday of each month. It also happens that in March it corresponds to the date of the Cycle World Motorcycle Show. Come out and see the show, then ride up the street to have some good food with your fellow COGGERS.

Since the motorcycle show will take up the morning, we'll call this a "Ride After We Eat." Weather permitting, we'll probably have a ride in the area after lunch.

Due to the expected large turnout, please RSVP if you plan to attend the lunch. Contact **Reginald Chestnutt** (Se Leadership Team for contact info on page one)



## 2006 National Rally 'High Plains Drifter' to be held June 26 – July 1 in Hill City, SD

GoTo <http://www.concours.org/2006/> for details and registration or consult your December SECOG Newsletter

## Northeast Rallies

**Spring Fling Rally 2006**  
Wellsboro, PA 5/18-21/  
2006

**"Dog Days" Summer Rally 2006**  
Marlinton, WV  
August 4-6

[http://www.concours.org/ne/ride\\_reports/2006/DogDays/index.htm](http://www.concours.org/ne/ride_reports/2006/DogDays/index.htm)

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Larry 'Leaner' Buck says

## Best Wishes to Vic and Family

**Notice:** Future Newsletters will be sent via e-mail to all COGers with e-mail addresses. See SE Heat pg. 3 for explanation. Thanks.

To view a 'Color' version of this newsletter, goto <http://www.concours.org/se/newsletters.htm>

### Notification of Election

It is once again time to elect a Southeast Area Director for the 2006-2007 term. The process begins with nominations. Who do you know that would make a good contribution to the group? Please nominate those, including yourself, you feel qualified and willing to serve.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ COG# \_\_\_\_\_

(print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Bob Dombrowe, COG Secretary  
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**Nominations will close March 20<sup>th</sup>**; any nominations received after that date must be discarded.

Thank you,  
Guy B Young III  
Executive Director



RAFFINA BENCH  
FLORIDA 32911

March 10-11

(See page 6 for details)



Run with the Wolf

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