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Help Wanted:

Need Ride leaders. Contact your AAD

Send e-mail and address changes to Carl Metler

Southeast Heat

by Larry Buck, SE-AD

Geesh! Another one bites the dust! It seems like only yesterday that I wrote this year's first installment for our Newsletter. Life truly starts out in a Piper Cub and ends up in an SST.

2006 was a great year for the Southeast COG members. Quite a few events were held by various members and the AAD's for the members enjoyment. I hope many of you were able to make it to some of them. Next year promises to be even better.

Recently, our North Florida AAD, Al Norcross, hosted his yearly fall bash at his home in Inverness, FL. His writeup appears elsewhere in this issue. Also, Paul Heydemann hosted the Biketoberfest attendees along with the Polito's great hospitality extended to all riders at the event. Those who attended Biketoberfest also got to see the new Concours-14. Kawasaki has finally joined the Sport touring (notice where the capital letter is

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Last 06 Rides...

12/30/2006 Third Annual Last Blast Before - Astor, FL

Once again, the Concours Owners' Group invites all riders (LD riders, too!) to beautiful Astor, FL for the annual Last Blast Before.

The Blackwater Inn located on the beautiful St. Johns River.

Early arrivals, 10:30am. Lunch at 11:45am.

The Blackwater Inn specializes in local seafood and all manner of comfort food for your enjoyment. Check their website (link above) for all the details of this great eatery.

Larry Buck, SE-AD

12/30/2006 Stagecoach X Ride - Stockton, Alabama

Please join us for the Stagecoach X ride on December 30, 2006 in Stockton, Alabama. We had a great turn out of COG members last year and are hoping for even more this year.

Please contact me (Jack McVickers) if you need a place to stay. You're welcome here and I have plenty of camping space.

Jack McVickers - South AL AAD

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stressed) fray with a world-class machine, available in spring '07.

Speaking of AAD's. Gary Norton (picture on page 5) has signed on as South Carolina AAD, replacing Mark Haas. As many of you know, Gary is one of my best friends, and longtime riding partner. We have done many Long Distance rides and rallies together, along with several COG events. Gary never misses the opportunity to attend COG events. Last summer he rode over 12,000 miles to the National in South Dakota, and on to Alaska for his summer vacation. I urge our SC members to contact him (see the SE website) with event suggestions and all things COG. Welcome aboard Gary, I finally got you!

It is with regret that I have received Don Spiker's resignation as Eastern NC, AAD. Don has been the life-blood of our Group in his area for many years. By publishing his own newsletter, he always kept his members up on the latest get togethers and Group activities. He will be sorely missed and I wish him the very best in the future. Don't forget to come around, Don. We need one of you North Carolina members to step up to fill Don's shoes. Please contact me if you can help your area's members enjoy the camaraderie of Concours riding and activities.

Jack Ferguson, North GA, AAD is organizing a riding clinic to be held at next year's Run With the Wolf

Rally. If you are interested in improving your riding skills in real time, check the SE website for further information. Jerry Holland and the Georgia leadership team are hard at work to make this long running Rally the best ever in '07. The Southeast area now hosts two of the larger Rallies held by COG – The Run with the Wolf and the Winding Rivers & Roads Rally. I urge you to make plans to attend them in '07.

The next issue of the Concourier has an article about the Winding Rivers & Roads Rally penned by another of my best buds, Bruce Barge (B2). I know you will be entertained by his humorous writing style, and fine account of our trip to Blue Ridge Motorcycle Campground in the North Carolina mountains. Thanks, Bruce.

If the above Rallies weren't enough, our National Rally will be held in West Virginia, in August. Hosted by the North-east arm of COG, Steve Smith and his able crew are planning to make this the best National we've ever had, in the beautiful mountains of WV. For those who have not visited this area, the Canaan Valley area has everything one could want for motorcycle adventure; great roads, spectacular scenery, attractions, and of course a great COG rally for you to enjoy. Many of us do not get the opportunity to attend the National Rallies when they are held in the Midwest or West, so this one in our area, is not to be missed. Check out the schedule of planned activities and the area by going to the COG National site, www.concours.org.

On a more current theme, don't forget to thaw out your Concours for the upcoming "Last Blast Before...#4", the "other" year-end Ride to Eat in sunny North Florida. I almost lost track of how many of these events I've held. After I published the announcement of it as #3, I was gently reminded (Senior moment you know) by Jerry Holland that he had been to all the previous ones, and swore this year's would be #4. I stand corrected, and am looking forward to seeing many of you again in Astor, FL on the 30th. Details on the SE website, www.concours.org/se

Now if you would truly like to escape the winter cold, mark your calendars for Paul Heydemann's, "Escape to the Conch Republic" in January, 2007. I think this will be the 4th one also. The "oystas" at the Half Shell Raw Bar in Key West are not to be missed, along with Phil Morales' "red eye" at the hostel in Florida City. Details on the SE site, yada, yada.

Lastly, thank you for your support of our Group in '06. You are what makes this organization so special. As they say, "Join for the bike, stay for the Group"

I wish you and yours, a joyous Holiday season, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

WANTED

North Carolina, Assistant Area Director

Share your enthusiasm for COG with your area COG members

Contact, Larry Buck 561-361-9366
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Escape to the Conc Republic IV

Everyone's welcome to c'mon down & take a scenic cruz on the Overseas Highway to Key West!

Leaving: 8am Saturday 1/20/07

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, 305-294-7496. This is at Lands End Marina near the corner of Margaret & Caroline. ETA will be 11am. See <http://www.halfshellrawbar.com/home.html>

Note that these are not official "group rides".

After lunch there'll be time for playing tourista including hitting the Southernmost Point for a photo op, then it's back to Florida City.

Fun/budget accommodations are 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. Book online at <http://www.evergladeshostel.com/accommodations.htm>

Enter COG in the Special Requirements 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 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



Daytona Bikeweek, March 9-10

We'll prolly have get-togethers on Fri eve 3/9 & Sat morn 3/10.

Conc14 demo rides might be available at the Speedway! Stay tuned to the SECOG website for details...don't touch that dial!

Paulie, Mijami Floriduh, '01 Conc, COG, HSTA, MTF
Over the Pond '06...done!

<http://www.officialbikeweek.com/>



Paulie (finger in musket) and Calvin, the editor, on the Blue Ridge Parkway while at the SE Fall Rally



Editor Notes: This is a change of venue. This show is no longer at the Cobb Galleria Centre. Also, this will be a good chance to see the NEW Concours. More details will appear on the website. Stay tuned.

Where

Georgia World Congress Center
285 Andrew Young International Boulevard, NW
Atlanta, GA 30313

When Friday, February 23

4:00pm - 9:00pm Saturday, February 24

9:30am - 8:00pm Sunday, February 25

9:30am - 5:00pm

Admission

\$12.00 Adult

\$5.00 Children 6-11

Children 5 & under free

[Buy your e-tickets online!](#)

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

Discounts

Check back 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!)

Parking

Yellow, Blue & Green Parking Lots – \$4.00/per day

Red & Gold Lots – \$5.00/per day

Prices only good on show days, February 23-25

ADA

Wheelchairs are available at some shows. Please call the show office to make arrangements or to obtain the phone number of local wheelchair rental companies.

Show Office

Phone: 404-222-6000

Fax: 404-222-6001

Valid from Thursday - Monday. Numbers subject to change.

<http://atl.motorcycleshows.com/atlanta/v42/index.cvn>

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The 15th Annual Run with the Wolf Rally will be here held **April 27-29, 2007 at the High Valley Resort in Suches, Georgia.**
www.highvalleyresort.com/camp.htm

The date for the rally was moved to later in April for the comfort of the riders/ campers who flock to this annual event.

A major addition to this years rally will be **Susan Galpin's Riding Clinic "Think Quick, Ride Safe"**. "Susan Galpin is a former mileage slave two years running, an MSF instructor, a vintage and production racer and the Queen of the Quick. She will strive to share the essential elements of sport riding that have kept her safe and sure through 500,000 miles of BMW riding. She has spent the past four riding seasons instructing women and men on the challenging mountain roads of North Georgia. Susan loves the ride." (quote from BMW website. This program has been presented to BMW and ST riders with very positive reviews).

The "classroom portion" of the clinic will be held Friday night from 8-10 and the riding will be in two groups on Saturday with one on one instruction available on Sunday morning. Registration for this class only will be \$15 per rider. This Clinic is sure to fill up, so contact Jack Ferguson via e-mail [jack.ferguson@mindspring.com] or phone 770-630-5205 to reserve your spot.

This is going to be a great way to 'spring' into the 2007 riding season in an area of great rides. Be sure to put it on your calendars.



COGers enjoy Biketoberfest at Daytona in October



Gary Norton, New S.C. AAD, at Pactola Lake Dam south of Deadwood, SD at the National (June)



Coggers at the 'Winding Rivers and Roads' Rally in September
Photos by Gwynn McVickers



Dear Santa,

Please bring every COG member something neat for his/her motorcycle or maybe a new 2008 Concours.

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Larry 'Leaner' Buck says

"Best Wishes for Happy Holidays to All "

Notice: This newsletter has been sent via e-mail to all COGers with e-mail addresses. Hard copies were mailed to non-e-mail members only. It is important to keep your 'contact info', e.g. e-mail address, up-to-date. Please make all corrections with Carl Metler [cmetler@HighDesertOffice.com] who maintains the central membership lists. If you want a hard copy of the newsletter, e-mail Calvin. Thanks for your co-operation.

See our Local Events Page for information about local events held regularly throughout the Southeast Region.

Date Event Contact

12/30/2006 **Stagecoach X Ride** - Stockton, Alabama, Jack McVickers, See page 1

12/30/2006 **Third Annual Last Blast Before** - Astor, FL, Larry Buck, SE-AD, See page 1

1/20/2007 to 1/21/2007 **Excape to the Conc Republic IV** - Florida City, FL., Paul Heydemann, See page 3

2/24 **International Motorcycle Show**, Atlanta, GA, - See page 4, Check the SE Website for more details

3/ 9 -10 **Daytona Bike Week**, Paul Heydemann and Al Norcross, See page 3 and Check the SE Website for more details

4/27-29, 2007 **Run with the Wolf Rally** at High Valley Resort in Suches, GA. - Jack Ferguson and Jerry Holland, See page 4 and Check the SE Website for more details

5/12/2007 **Blind Willie Blues Festival**, Thomson, Ga., See <http://www.blindwillie.com/> Its a SECOG music event and the Editors Birthday:), Check the SE Website after January for details.

8/7 - 8/12/2007 **"COG in Canaan"** in West Va. , Plan to attend our National Rally.

Check the SECOG Website often for the latest at <http://www.concours.org/se/> , David Hicks, Webmaster