Atlanta Antifa Presents:

Chronology

6 Months of Far-Right Activity
Georgia, April 23 - October 23, 2016
Atlanta Antifa has been busy monitoring fascist and far-Right events within Georgia and especially in and around the Metro Atlanta area, compiling data on the groups and their members’ activities. Here is a short list of what has transpired over the last six months.

April 23, Stone Mountain Park, Stone Mountain: What was supposed to be a major white supremacist event, "Rock Stone Mountain," is instead attended by just over a dozen white power activists, who are fenced in and surrounded by police. Hundreds of anti-racist protesters drive white power numbers down, as these anti-racists skirmish with police plus confront stray neo-Nazis and Klansmen. Nine anti-racists are arrested, although at the time of writing all but one has had charges dropped. The "Rock Stone Mountain" event was organized by Hapeville white supremacist John Michael Estes, with assistance from "Southern Rebel Patriots" (International Keystone Knights of the Ku Klux Klan participants Greg and Jodi Calhoun of Cedartown.)

Gabriel Diaz, a man of Dominican ancestry from the Bronx, NY who has Nazi sympathies, attempted to infiltrate the Stone Mountain anti-racist protest on behalf of the National Socialist Movement. Diaz’s efforts were later exposed online.

April 23, Rome: National Socialist Movement combine forces with Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Aryan Nations Worldwide, Aryan Strikeforce and other groups for rally outside Joint Law Enforcement Center in downtown Rome. News stories give numbers of white supremacists as 80-100, who were greatly outnumbered by counter-protesters. (picture from event on cover)

April 23 (evening), Georgia Peach Oyster Bar, Draketown/Temple: Combined after-event for the National Socialist Movement rally in Rome as well as for "Rock Stone Mountain." Approximately 75 people attend this event, which features a cross-burning. Talk is in the air of the Aryan Nationalist Alliance, a national partnership bringing together several white power organizations, which was formally launched at a meeting at the Georgia Peach the evening before.

May 22, Rome: League of the South-affiliated white nationalist Floyd Eric Meadows and associates attempt to counter-protest New Black Panther Party gathering in Rome. However, the white nationalists are intercepted by police,
who presumably feared violence. (Earlier discussion of the New Black Panther Party event on Meadows’ Facebook included one person making the comment: “Firebomb.”)

**May 25:** Website for Aryan Nations Worldwide, a Villa Rica-based faction of the white supremacist Aryan Nations, goes online.

**May 29, Georgia Peach Oyster Bar, Draketown/Temple:** Aryan Nations Worldwide host "Meet and Greet" event. (Note: Online photos indicate that several smaller get-togethers - at times involving Loyal White Knights of the KKK members together with Aryan Nations Worldwide - occurred during this period. Only the most significant of these events are listed in this chronology.)

**June 11, Rome:** National Socialist Movement gathering at private home, hosted by Floyd Eric Meadows (see May 22 entry.) International Keystone Knights of the Ku Klux Klan members also attend. Group photo from gathering prominently features League of the South southern nationalist flag in addition to Nazi and Klan flags.

**July 3, Atlanta:** White nationalist organization Identity Evropa posts images of small number of propaganda stickers placed in downtown Atlanta.

**July 5, Atlanta:** Supreme Court of Georgia rules in favor of International Keystone Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, who in 2012 sued through the American Civil Liberties Union to adopt a one-mile stretch of State Route 212 in Union County via the Adopt-A-Highway program.

**July 10, Georgia Peach Oyster Bar, Draketown/Temple:** Aryan Nations Worldwide hold meeting at Georgia Peach Oyster Bar and mini-protest on roadside, with members holding signs such as "Only White Lives Matter" and "Mud Beast [Black] Lives Don't Matter." Randall Wiley Smith (owner-operator of Wholesale Tire and Auto LLC in Villa Rica) pictured holding noose.
July 17, Georgia Peach Oyster Bar, Draketown/Temple: Aryan Nations and Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan joint gathering and protest.

July 17, near Rome: Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan flyers discovered Sunday night in two different neighborhoods. The flyers urged opposition to Black Lives Matter as well as joining the Klan.

July 21: Post on VK.com social networking formally announces that "NSM [National Socialist Movement] Atlanta is under new leadership Eric [Floyd Eric Meadows of Rome]."

August 1: First broadcast of "NSM Hoff" internet radio show, part of the National Socialist Movement’s media network. This weekly show is hosted by "[Floyd] Eric [Meadows], the leader of NSM Georgia" and discusses a racist variant of Norse heathenism.

Early August, Little 5 Points, Atlanta: Celtic cross symbol favored by white nationalists found spray-painted on wall. Graffiti removed by antifascists.

August 22, Covington: Hundreds attend public hearings on plans for a mosque in Newton County, the majority opposing this development. Due to this protest, a temporary moratorium on mosque construction is issued.

August 28, Georgia Peach Oyster Bar, Draketown/Temple: Winners of Aryan Nations Worldwide fundraising raffle announced (top prizes were Klan robes). Funds raised went to Gary Yarbrough, currently imprisoned for his role in the white supremacist terrorist group The Order during the 1980s. (Yarbrough’s wife is based in Louisiana and is active with Aryan Nations Worldwide from there.)

September 3: Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan hold rally and cross-burning in Georgia (location not specified.)

September 4, Woodstock: Aryan Nations Labor Day weekend social gathering at Clove Tree Lane residence of Ralph Neil Scroy.

September 6, Atlanta: White nationalist group Identity Evropa posts on Twitter about small number of organization stickers placed in Atlanta earlier.
September 11, Covington: Members of the far-Right Georgia Security Force III% militia post a video online (later deleted) in which they call Muslims followers of the Antichrist, and appear to trespass on the site of a proposed mosque.

September 13, Covington: Outside Newton County Courthouse, Georgia Security Force III% militia members hold armed protest with Islamophobic allies such as Jim Stachowiak. Earlier, Newton County commissioners had canceled their scheduled discussion of a Muslim congregation’s plans for a mosque, citing hostile posts on social media.

September 17, Georgia Peach Oyster Bar, Draketown/ Temple: An Aryan Nationalist Alliance gathering attracts a couple of dozen participants, predominantly from the National Socialist Movement and Aryan Nations Worldwide. Confederate Hammerskins allegedly attend but are camera-shy. The event also features Floyd Eric Meadows’ marriage ceremony with his new wife Angela (who also supports the NSM.) Giant wooden swastika burned in field behind venue.

September 20, Covington: Another handful of armed anti-mosque protesters outside Newton County courthouse, but moratorium on mosque construction expires.

September 24, East Atlanta Village, Atlanta: At East Atlanta Strut festival, two individuals sell stickers with the Totenkopf ("death’s head") symbol used by the Nazi SS, accompanied with the phrase "East Atlanta Village." (image beside entry)

September 29, Georgia State University campus, Atlanta: Handful of stickers and posters for white nationalist group Identity Evropa placed around campus. Subsequently removed by antifascists.
October 1, Georgia Peach Oyster Bar, Draketown/Temple: Confederate Hammerskins host "Hammerfest," the annual gathering of the Hammerskin Nation. Headlining musical act is Mistreat, a racist bonehead (pseudo-"skinhead") band from Finland. Other musical acts that played at this event have been linked to a mass shooting of Sikh worshippers in Wisconsin, and an attack on a synagogue in Oregon. Headlining speakers were Matthew Heimbach of the Traditional Workers Party, and Draketown GA neo-Nazi Chester Doles (a public Hammerskin supporter.)

We estimate Hammerfest attendance at 100-120 people (this number includes performers and security.) One attendee, former Hammerskin Dave Nichols, is subjected to a brutal gang beating by other attendees.

October 1, Seaborne Jones Park, Rockmart: The International Keystone Knights of the Ku Klux Klan had planned to hold a "White Christian Community Event" from 10AM to 6PM this day. However, due to organized opposition from anti-racists, one of the signatories on the event permit (Christopher Bailey of Cedartown) backed out on September 23, leading to the City of Rockmart canceling permission for the event.

Early October, in or near Atlanta: "Alt-Right" gathering attracts approximately two dozen participants. (pictured next to entry)

October 2, Mary Lin Elementary School, Candler Park neighborhood, Atlanta: anti-Semitic graffiti written in chalk is discovered at Mary Lin Elementary School. Messages included “Hail Hitler” and swastikas.

October 3 (morning), Lake Park neighborhood, Albany: Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan recruitment flyers discovered in morning - distributed overnight to homes on six roads.
October 8, Grantville: On this date, the League of the South had planned to rally in Grantville, to exploit the murder of a nearby elderly white woman for their racist recruiting purposes. The event was cancelled on September 22nd after the LoS faced severe criticism for their proposed protest.

October 15: East Coast Knights hold a cross-burning on private land in Georgia (exact location unknown.) (image located below)

October 16, Georgia State University, Atlanta: Milo Yiannopoulos, an Alt-Right sympathizer, internet harasser and transphobic activist, speaks to hundreds at a “Millennials for Trump” event sponsored by College Republicans at Georgia State University.

October 17, Helen: A man visits beer hall wearing full Nazi SS uniform.

October 19 (morning), Towne Lake Hills South neighborhood, Woodstock: Loyal White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan flyers discovered in driveways, had been distributed overnight. Flyer attacks transgender people and advocates for gender-neutral bathrooms.

This is just what Antifa Atlanta has unearthed in and around the Metro Atlanta area, over the last six months. The amount of far-Right activity in the Southeast is on the rise, and these groups are coordinating their efforts.

We ask that if you have any information about efforts of the Klan, neo-Nazis, Alt-Right, militias, or any far-Right politics, that you share it with us. You may also invite us to present information we have to your community, NGO, church, union, etc so that we can aid you in recognizing these formations and develop resistance to them and help defend your communities.

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