



Georgia Chapter "S"

Winder, GA

The Motorcickle Capital of the World

SOUTHERN WINGS

MARCH 2021

GoldWing Road Riders Association







Georgia District
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Gathering, scheduled for April 6, 2021, eat at 6 PM, meet at 7 PM



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Chapter Gathering: 1st Tuesday of the month, at El Centinela, Winder, Georgia. Our next

CD's Corner

The phrase 'March comes in like a lion, goes out like a lamb' goes back to the 16th century. Unfortunately for us, March is coming in like a lamb; so all bets are off on how the month will set up for motorcycling! We have had our share of rainy and cool days with sneak peeks of potential 70 degree days of sunshine. Winter in Georgia is somewhat crazy and unpredictable but sure beats winter up north.

Now is the time to check your tires, change your oil and get ready for some awesome riding. Despite Covid restrictions which limit places to eat in, we will continue to try and find good routes that lead back to someplace yummy.

Keep checking the webpage, Facebook page and emails for the latest and greatest rides this side of Atlanta!

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Rides & Events



February Chapter Gathering at El Centinela in Winder





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February 20th "small town" ride



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Look who I've been playing with!



"I Love to Ride & Travel"



Goofy's Scorecard—2021

January—Joe: For his "special" light-up Christmas Party outfit

February—Cherie: Missing in action—Ride Loto bag.

Goofy's Adventures

Well, golly, things were a bit dull at Cherie's. The weather... just plain sucked most of the month. So, I took naps with the other dogs on many of those rainy days. Most of the time I was just sitting around. Ugh!

I did get to go golfing with Carlos and our friend Jeff. I rode on the golf cart and gave directions... so they wouldn't bypass any holes (an effective method of artificially lowering your golf score). Geez, since I was there, I also gave Carlos some much needed pointers to help out his golf game. Don't tell him, but I think he should consider some sort of "Rocking Chair Competition" (He sure is pretty darn good at doing that!)

Gosh, when it was finally nice enough for a Chapter ride, Cherie said it was "too cold". Thankfully, Carlos loaded me on 'Pale Ride' and away we went. I do believe Barbara is going to write an article about the ride... so be sure to check that article out. I can tell you that Carlos and I rode about 200 mile and it sure was fun!

Near the end of February, Carlos was heading down to Florida on his motorcycle for a week to golf. I wanted to go with him. But, as there were some questions regarding whether or not possible rains would allow him to have me home in time for the March Chapter Gathering, I had to stay home with Cherie. Did he make it? Well, is he at the gathering?

Anyway, spring is on the way; I hope to be busier with

more adventures! Golly, there have to be lots of folks ready to take me on a multitude of spring adventures!

Your pal,

Goofp











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March Birthdays

- 12 Sandy Burns
- 16 Pat Whitehouse
- 26 Jack Farabaugh



February Anniversaries

5 Stu & Christine Posner



Sick & Injured

Mike Burns Jack Farabaugh Fern Oakes Vance Oakes



Barbara's First Solo Group Ride

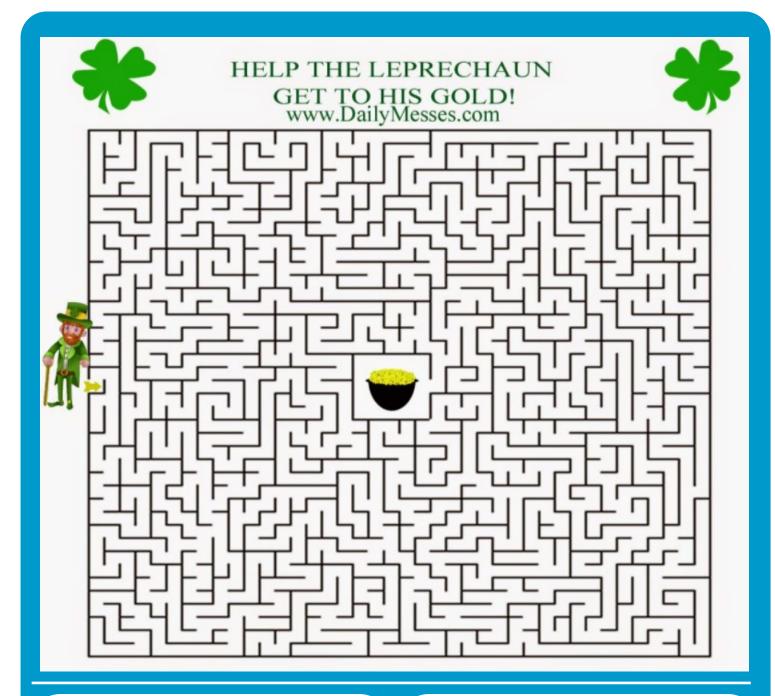
On Saturday February 20th I went on my first solo group ride, on my own motorcycle, with members of GWRRA Chapter S. I have been riding on the back of Joe Counter's BMW for six years. I had taken the MSF Basic Rider Course and gotten my motorcycle license endorsement just before Christmas. Joe Counter bought me a 1983 Suzuki GS450E and fixed it up with lights and new tires so I'd have something to ride. I practiced in parking lots and just outside Winder on back roads until I felt comfortable working the clutch and throttle. I only had a couple of uneventful "offroad experiences" and Joe was a patient teacher. Now I was on my own, following Joe in a group.

Although a little nervous I had a great time! Carlos laid out a loop route through little towns on beautiful country roads. We started from Joe and Janel Piper's home and ending up back in Statham at a nice Mexican restaurant. We had a great lunch and lots of fun, as usual. Many thanks to Carlos, Joe and Janel, Ken Thrasher, and Sid who looked dapper following us in his convertible!

Barbara Rao



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St. Patrick's Day Lucky Facts:

- We should really be wearing blue, not green. Changed in the late 8th century after link with Irish independence movement.
- St. Patrick wasn't Irish—He was born to Roman parents.
- St. Patrick's day used to be a dry holiday—Pubs where closed in Ireland up until the 1970's on St. Patrick's Day.
- NYC's St. Patrick's Day parade has been happening since 1762.
- Chicago has been dumping green dye into the Chicago River since 1962.
- Shamrocks—not to be confused with the four-leaf clover—is a metaphor for the Holy Trinity.

- Cold weather, along with surrounding seas, has kept snakes out of Ireland, not St. Patrick.
- There is no corn in Corn Beef. Large grains of salt, used to cure meats, were originally know as "corns."
- American's run up quite a bar tab on St. Patrick's Day to the tune of over \$6 billion. It's the biggest day for bars in the country.
- St. Patrick's original name was Maewyn Succat. He changed it to Patricius after becoming a priest. St. Maewyn's Day anyone?
- There are no female Leprechauns. In Irish folk tales. So where do new Leprechauns come from?
- "Erin go Bragh" is a corruption of the Irish Éirinn go Brách, which means "Ireland Forever."

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March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Chapter Gathering GWRA SOUTHERN WINGS WHITTHER WINGS	3	4	5 Stu & Christine—Annv.	G Chapter Ride—TBD
7 MATIONAL CERTAL DAY	NATIONAL NAPPING DAY	9	10	11	12 Sandy Burns—BD	13
Daylight Saving Time Begins	15	16 Pat Whitehouse—BD	17 St. Fatrick's Day	18	Florida District Altamonte Spr	20 Rally ings
21	22	23	24	25	26 Jack Farabough—BD	27 NATIONAL JOE DAY
28	29 VIETAAN WAR VETERANS DAY	National Doctors' Day	31			

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2021 Schedule of Events

3/2 Chapter Gathering, Winder

3/6 Chapter Ride, TBD

3/18-20 FL Rally, Altamonte Springs

4/6 Chapter Gathering, Winder

4/10 First Aid Class, TBD

4/15-17 SC Rally, Clemson

4/29-5/1 TN Rally, Pigeon Forge

5/4 Chapter Gathering, Winder

5/8 Chapter Ride, TBD

6/29-7/3 Wing Ding, Springfield, MO



9/16-18 GA District Ride-In, Dillard



9/30-10/2 AL Rally, Eufaula



District Travelers Plaque

The District Traveler's has been retired.

Here is a link to a medical information card you can print out and carry with you:

http://www.medids.com/free-id.php#.VsnDEfHnWi4

GWRRA Anniversaries

March

Grady & Rita Riner—34 years
Fern Oakes—23 years
Steven Yates—17 years
Ken & Kay Yuill—14 years
Carlton Robinson—11 years
Joe & Janel Piper—7 years



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