

# Georgia Chapter "S"

Winder, GA

The Motorcickle Capital of the World

**SOUTHERN WINGS** 

**MAY 2021** 

### **GoldWing Road Riders Association**







Georgia District

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Chapter S

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Chapter Gathering: 1st Tuesday of the month, at El Centinela, Winder, Georgia. Our next Gathering, scheduled for June 1, 2021, eat at 6 PM, meet at 7 PM

#### CD's Corner

May has arrived in all its glory. Flowers blooming, birds are hatching their young and motorcycles riders are emerging and enjoying wind therapy. May is Motorcycle Awareness month. Being aware just isn't one day or one month, but an ongoing progress all year. Always talk up motorist awareness whenever you have the opportunity.

This May 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 am to 5 pm, Chapter S will have a booth at the Statham Lions Club Spring Fest. If you are interested in helping out, let me know. Our chapter banner will be displayed as well as pamphlets and items of interest.



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As always, ride safely!

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# Rides & Events



April Chapter Gathering at El Centinela in Winder





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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.

March—Traci: Faulty Bingo cards.

April—Joe C.: Unfortunate double entendre

# **Goofy's Adventures**

Goody has gone missing! Where could Joe and Barbara have taken him? Hopefully he will turn up soon!







#### KNOW THE FACTS

Per vehicle mile traveled in 2019, motorcyclists were about 29 times more likely than passenger vehicle occupants to die in a motor vehicle crash and were 4 times more likely to be injured.

NHTSA-funded research has shown that people behind the wheels of passenger vehicles are distracted more than 50% of the time.

Improper use of a vehicle's rear-view and side-view mirrors contributes to collisions, particularly with smaller vehicles like motorcycles. With roughly 40% of a vehicle's outer perimeter zones hidden by blind spots, improper adjustment, or lack of use of one's side-view mirrors, can have dire consequences for motorcyclists.

#### TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

If you are turning at an intersection and your view of oncoming traffic is partially obstructed, wait until you can see around the obstruction, sufficiently scan for all roadway users (pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists alike), and proceed with caution. Slow your decision-making process down at intersections.

One's reaction time and ability to assess and respond to a potential collision, such as a lane change, is significantly hindered if there are large differences in speed among vehicles in traffic. When approaching a congested roadway, being diligent in modifying your speed to match that of the cars in traffic can be a lifesaver, particularly for motorcyclists.

Allow a motorcyclist a full lane width. Though it may seem as if there is enough room in a single lane for a motor vehicle and a motorcycle, looks can be deceiving. Share the road, but *not* the lane: A motorcyclist needs room to maneuver safely.

Because motorcycles are smaller than most vehicles, they can be difficult to see. Their size can also cause other drivers to misjudge their speed and distance.

Size also counts against motorcycles when it comes to blind spots. Motorcyclists can be easily hidden in a vehicle's blind spot. Always look for motorcycles by checking your mirrors and blind spots before switching to another lane of traffic.

Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic. This allows motorcyclists to anticipate your movement and find a safe lane position.

Do not be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle — it may not be self-canceling and the motorcyclist may have forgotten to turn it off. Wait to be sure the rider is going to turn before you proceed.

Allow more follow distance — three or four seconds — when following a motorcycle; this gives the motorcycle rider more time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. Motorcycle riders may suddenly need to change speed or adjust their lane position to avoid hazards such as potholes, gravel, wet or slippery surfaces, pavement seams, railroad crossings, and grooved pavement.

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# **May Birthdays**

- 2 Joyce Argo
- 28 Jimmy Atkinson
- 31 Rita Riner



# **May Anniversaries**

- 20 Grady & Rita Riner
- 25 Leonard & Norma Simpson



# Sick & Injured

Mike Burns Jack Farabaugh Joe Piper



Fern Oakes Sid Cohen

#### **Memorial Day Facts:**

- It was originally called Decoration Day. To honor the deceased, soldiers would decorate graves of their fallen comrades with flowers, flags and wreaths. Name changed in the 1880's.
- It wasn't always celebrated the last Monday in May. After the Civil War, General John A. Logan called for a holiday commemorating fallen soldiers to be observed on May 30th. In 1971 it was changed to the last Monday of May to ensure an long weekend.
- In December 2000, Congress passed a law requiring Americans to pause at 3 PM local time on Memorial Day to remember and honor the fallen. This this isn't common knowledge.
- James A. Garfield delivered a lengthy speech at the first Memorial Day (Decoration Day) as a Civil War General and Republican Congressman. (Not yet President.) On May 30, 1868, he addressed several thousand gathered at Arlington National Cemetery. "If silence is every golden," Garfield said, "it must be beside the graves of 15,000 men, whose lives were more significant than speech, and whose death was a poem the music of which can never be sung."
- In an "normal year" more than 36 million people would travel at least 50 miles from home on Memorial Day.

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# May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						Kentucky Derby
2 Jayce Argo—BD	3	GWRRA SOUTHERN WINGS Winder, GA	S CINCO DE MAYO	Rational NURSES DAY	7	8 Chapter Ride—TBD
9  Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	GA-T Sp	ring Fling
16	17 TAX DAY	18	19	20 Grady & Rita Riner— Anniv	21	22
23	24	25 Leonard & Norma Simpson—Anniv.	26	27	28 Jimmy Atkinson—BD	29 Statham Spring Fest M.A. Booth
30	MEMORIAL DAY Rita Riner BD					

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#### **2021 Schedule of Events**

5/4 Chapter Gathering, Winder

5/8 Chapter Ride, TBD

6/3-5 SC Rally, Clemson

6/14-15 GA-T Spring Fling, Dillard

6/1 Chapter Gathering, Winder

6/5 Chapter Ride, TBD

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



7/6 Chapter Gathering, Winder

8/3 Chapter Gathering, Winder

# GWRRA - Georgia District Presents our 3rd Annual "Come Ride With Us"

9/16-18 GA District Ride-In, Dillard 9/30-10/2 AL Rally, Eufaula



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#### **Public Service Announcement**

Check the back of your GWRRA membership card. The number list for Rescue Plus has changed! The number on the back of your card has been disconnected.

The new number is **1-877-302-6735** 

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**

May

William Jungbluth—17 years
Joshua Warner—14 years
Stewart Shearer & Christine Haigler
—6 years



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