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Chapter Gathering: 1st Tuesday of the month, at El Centinela, Winder, Georgia. Our next Gathering, scheduled for May 3, 2022, eat at 6 PM, meet at 7 PM

CD's Corner

April has arrived with all the craziness that makes a Georgia Spring. Flowers are blooming, leaves are coming out on the trees and motorcycles are everywhere! Now is the time to think about promoting motorist awareness each time you are out.

How can I do that you may ask? Well, start out by waving at folks that you pass that may be sitting on their porch or riding their lawn tractors. You could wave at kids in the back seat of the car that just passed you while out riding. While pumping gas you could start a friendly chat with the person at the pump next to you.

Motorist awareness is anything that includes you on the motorcycle. Start spreading the notion that motorcycles are everywhere! Be Seen!

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Rides & Events



March Gathering

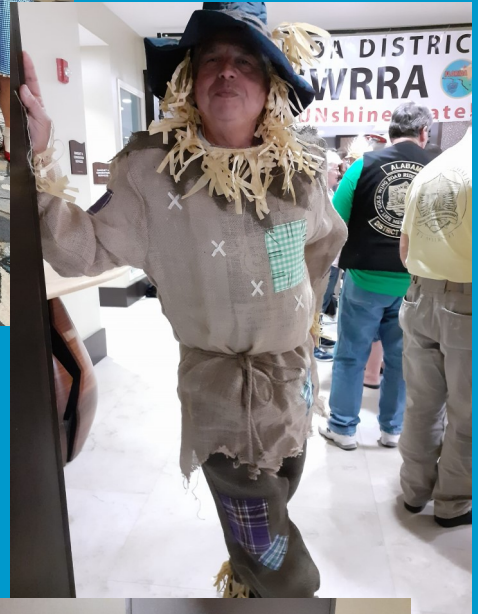


Florida Rally!



Rides & Events

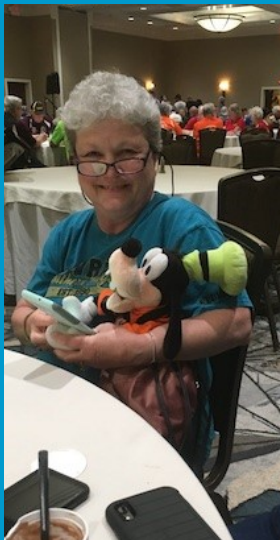
Florida Rally!



Look who I've
been playing
with!



"I Love to
Ride & Travel"



Goofy's Scorecard—2022

January—Cherie: For forgetting to bring the ride lotto.

February—Carlos: Taking an hour to bring us to the restaurant across the street. (This deserves a HERO award in my book!)

May—Cherie: Cell phone camera button confusion

Goofy's Adventures

Well, golly, if I'm only going to record one ride for the month, at least it was a long one. As all of you know, March is the beginning of rally season and the first rally of the year... yep, is the Florida District Rally! Cherie loaded up with Carlos on "Pale Rider" and Cherie thought that, on such a long trip, it would be a good idea for me to keep an eye on the luggage in the trailer. Really?!?!?! What the heck!

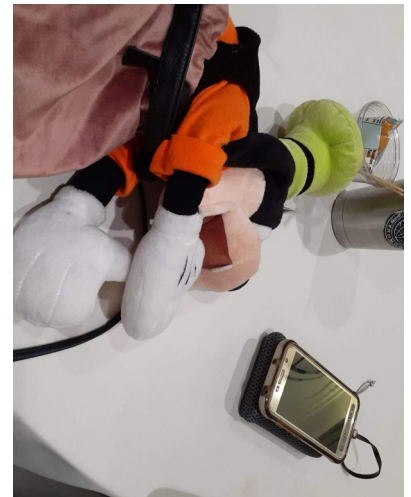
Carlos has often mentioned that Cherie posterior is only built for 400 miles. So, we headed out a day early (Tuesday) and rode down to Milledgeville. The next morning, Mayor Joe and Janel... along with Trish and Renee met us there... and we continued to Altamonte Springs, Florida. Gosh, the mayor and his Mrs. Had quite a bit of rain getting down to Milledgeville, but from there, we only had light sprinkles for 80 miles or so. Regardless, I can assure you that I stayed dry in the trailer! After that, it got downright nice... real nice. The sun was shining and jackets were shed, as the temperature climbed to 80 degrees. Golly, all was great until we were about 50 miles from the hotel. Rumor has it that Carlos saw it coming and said over the CB that he would be pulling over at the next gas station for rain gear. Golly-gee, the next gas station was probably five miles away... and we rode about three miles before the clouds opened up. Gosh, it wasn't such a big deal... it was a warm rain! As is usually the case, by the time everyone gassed up and put on their rain gear, the rain was stopping. Shucks, it works every time! After a fairly long day we arrived at the Hilton; gee, nice hotel!

Vance and Fern joined us the next day. I think they came in their car. Shucks, there was room... they could have ridden in the trailer with me! It was comfortable... and dry!

At the rally, we were pretty darn busy! On Thursday, Carlos presented a seminar on helmets. To some, it may seem pretty basic: This is a helmet, wear it! But, there was a little more to it than I thought. Even I learned something. Go figure! Of course, Carlos humiliated the whole Chapter S group and a lot of other people into attending.

Thursday evening there was a real nice sit-down dinner. I hear the chicken was pretty good, though Cherie didn't share any with me. Do I look like I need to be on a diet? After the din-

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Rides & Events

Member's Ride—Jeff Squires

We only had one day but we made the most of it mileage wise. We left out from our home base in Monroe, GA just before 8:00AM this past Sunday. We were headed to Blue Ridge GA to eat some BBQ at Mike's Trackside Bar-B-Q.

We headed out thru Winder, on up to Gainesville, thru Dawsonville, and East Ellijay, finally to Blue Ridge. We arrived about 10:15, we had a little time to spare so we stopped at Ballhootin Biker Gear for a few and the owner gave us an awesome bike riding map of the area!! Thanks so much! We also got to meet her beautiful Golden who meets no strangers.

We headed on thru downtown and stopped at a road side setup where a gentleman made spoon rings. So I had to buy one for Sonya. She picked out her own spoon and he made it in less than five mins. So off we go to the BBQ restaurant. Oops, they are closed on Sunday. Maybe we should have checked first lol.

We decided just to grab a burger at Checkers instead. While eating lunch, we talked about swinging buy Maggie Valley Biker Wear. Yes, we checked to see if they were open before heading over.

So we headed out 76 east, up 19, over to Murphy, NC and then got on 74 thru Andrews where we found a beautiful road side park with daffodils and a nice little stream. Continued on 74 thru Nantahala which had some absolutely breath taking views. Sorry we didn't get more pics but we had to push on.

On to Bryson City, NC (nice little town) and thru Cherokee, finally arriving in Maggie Valley. We stopped by the biker wear shop (super nice people) and then we were off to the last leg of the trip home.

We made quick time even though it seemed like forever. I didn't fully charge the helmets so we lost intercoms at Maggie Valley. Heading down thru Sylva and Franklin, NC and back into the beautiful State of GA.

We made our way thru Clayton, GA on into Cornelia, and then Commerce where we had to fill our tanks at Firehouse Subs. After a short stop we made it the rest of the way home right around 6:30PM.

We racked up 395 miles and at one fill up we checked mileage at 39.5 MPG. Not too bad for a big ol bike.

We had such a great time and not only will we check to see if our target destination is open from now on but I'll also make sure the helmets are fully charged. I love talking to my Sweetie on our adventures!



April

Birthdays

- 3 Bob Wiggs
- 3 Victor Tireman
- 9 Ken Thrasher
- 10 Joe Piper
- 10 Christine Posner



- 14 Stu Posner
- 17 Lee Johnson
- 18 Carlos Lozano
- 18 Traci Thrasher
- 23 Rich Johnson

April

Anniversaries

- 1 Joe Counter & Barbara Rao
- 11 Steve & Amy Yates



Sick & Injured

- Mike Burns
- Jack Farabaugh
- Carol Whitlock (GA-B2)



Barry Owens
(GA District)



Just for Fun!

It may be past, but here are some interesting facts about April Fool's Day.

- April Fools' Day is observed on the first day of April each year. Even though the day's first official observance is unclear, some historians believe the day might have originated in 16th century France, when some towns switched from the Julian calendar, which celebrated New Year's Day on April 1 — to the current Gregorian calendar, which celebrates New Year's Day on January 1, according to History.com. French townspeople who failed to observe the New Year in January were reportedly dubbed fools and were targeted for pranks and jokes.
- April Fools' Day celebrations made their way to Britain during the 18th century and eventually to Scotland, History.com reports. The latter country went on to turn April Fools' into a two-day celebration, which was once called "Huntigowk Day" and "Tallie Day." On those days, Scottish celebrators reportedly sent people on fake errands and attached faux tails or kick-me signs on the backs of unsuspecting folk.
- April Fools' Day became a notable custom in the U.S. in the 19th century. A standout quote about the day is attributed to American novelist Mark Twain (1835 to 1910), who said, "The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year," as reported by the Library of Congress.
- A YouGov America poll from 2021 found that 47% of American adults find April Fools' Day to be "annoying" — versus the 45% who find the day to be "amusing." The same poll found that 59% of American adults "dislike" having April Fools' Day pranks played on them, but 46% admitted they "like" playing April Fools' Day pranks on other people.
- April Fools' Day and Easter occasionally collide because the Christian holiday is observed on the first Sunday after the spring equinox's first full moon. Therefore, the floating holiday falls on April 1 a few times each century. In the 20th century, the two events shared the same day in 1923, 1934, 1945 and 1956. The last April Fools' Day-Easter occurrence happened in 2018 — and the next will happen in 2029
- A defunct tabloid, the New York Graphic, fooled its readers into believing that Thomas Edison invented a food machine that could turn soil into cereal and water into wine, which it accomplished with a convincing ad spot.
- NPR confused American voters when the public radio station's "Talk of the Nation" show ran a fake segment that Richard Nixon was running for president with a third-term loophole

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ner, was the costume contest. There were plenty of superb costumes, for sure. Oh, Carlos was a scarecrow and Cherie was the Wicked Witch of the Forest (instead of a broom, she had a hiking stick). Come on, Cherie, I would have liked to be in costume too!

On Friday, Carlos was one of the leads for the guided rides (go figure). Actually, they had three groups of bikes. Though the rides are supposed to be limited... and advance sign-up is theoretically required, several extras always show up at the last minute. Geez, they had 25 bikes on Friday's ride; I think 9 in Carlos' group. Given that the rally is so close to Orlando, the ride was actually pretty darn nice. In one spot, you could really smell the Orange Blossoms... Carlos said that many years ago (when there were a lot more orange orchards in the area) he would always enjoy the fragrant rides in central Florida. Sadly, most of the orchards are now gone... the price of progress!

Also, on Friday was the Talent Show. It was a darn slow year; only four acts participated. Still, the show was pretty good. One act was from Pennsylvania... he was a card magician. He was pretty darn good. Of course, Carlos was the Emcee. Golly, with only four acts, he didn't have the opportunity to get to his good material. Well, that was his excuse for all the boos. I hear, the boos are a recurring

event in Florida, Mississippi and Alabama (Carlos is the emcee for all three of these district's talent shows.

Saturday, Carlos was (again) one of the leaders for the guided ride. It was the same route as on Friday, so no one from the Chapter rode this day. Still, they had 21 bikes ride, 7 in each group... pretty darn good.

Oh, you know they had Bingo, Games, Money Drawings, Vendors, and lots of other stuff. Oh, and of course, the Closing Ceremony. It was all good... and shucks, we all had fun! Oh, and the weather was GREAT... nice and warm, warm, warm.

For the ride home, it turned a bit cooler. Cherie was real happy when Carlos pulled over so she could layer up a bit. Renee and Trish were happy too... they thought it was going to be warmer... and slid some extra clothes on.

Well, golly, it is April. I didn't mention any Goofy things that happened in Florida; but, let me put it this way... I have a hunch as to who I'll be riding with this month! I sure hope you're at the April gathering to hear all about it!

GOOFP





April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Joe Counter/Barbara Rao—Anniv.	2
3 Bob Wiggs—BD Victor Tireman—BD	4	5 Chapter Gathering 	6 National Walking Day	←-----→ Louisiana District Rally, Morgan City Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!		9 Ken Thrasher—BD
10 Jope Piper—BD Christine Posner—BD	11 NATIONAL PET DAY Steve & Amy Yates—Aniv	12 NATIONAL GRILLED CHEESE DAY	13	14 Stu Posner—BD	15 HISTORIC S*A*M SHORTLINE RAILROAD 20th Anniversary 1902	16
17 Lee Johnson—BD	18 TAX DAY Carlos Lozano—BD Traci Thrasher—BD	19	20	21 NATIONAL HIGH FIVE DAY	22 Food Truck Friday, Monroe	23 Rich Lee—BD
24 Family Fun Ride—TBD	25	26 National Pretzel Day	27	28	29 Arbor Day	30 Barrow Co. Fire Foundation—Car & Bike Show Winder

2022 Schedule of Events

- 4/5 Chapter Gathering, Winder
- 4/7-9 Louisiana District Rally, Morgan City
- 4/15-16 SAM Shortline Railroad, Cordele
- 4/25 Family Fun Ride, TBD
- 4/30 Car & Motorcycle Show, Winder
- 5/3 Chapter Gathering, Winder
- 6/2-4 South Carolina District Rally, Anderson
- 6/28-7/2 Wing Ding, Shreveport, LA
- 9/15-17 Georgia District Ride-In, Dillard
- 9/29-10/1 Alabama District Rally, Eufaula
- 10/13-15 Mississippi District Rally, Gulfport

More events to come so stay tuned!

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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

April

Connie Pinson—36 years

Gene Aultman—26 years

Amy Yates—18 years

Michael Bostick—5 years



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