

44th ANNUAL INVITATIONAL TRUE GRITS 50CC FUN RUN
Saturday, OCTOBER 24, 2026
Two Wheels of Suches motorcycle resort, Suches, USA [Georgia]
1:30PM Eastern Standard Time

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150 rider limit

This event started as a ploy to sell Honda MB-5 motorcycles over 40 years ago. I was a Honda sales rep and told the Atlanta Honda dealers I would have a fun event to help sell the MB-5 motorcycles. We started the event in Douglasville and rode to Suches Georgia for the first few events and later found it would be more fun to start and stop in Suches.

I have decided that this year will be the last year of the Grits as we know it and there is a possibility we will try something else in 2027. We might just meet up at TWOS and just go for a ride and enjoy the wonderful north Georgia mountain roads.

**I still have a few trophies left and some vintage hats and shirts for this ride. I appreciate everyone who have participated over the years and consider all of you as friends.
Enjoy the ride, Ben.**

Over the past 43 events we have seen hundreds of riders take to the street and in a few earlier years a dirt road was part of the event. We had riders from all over the motorcycle world including Bob Hannah, John Penton, Dave Despain, Jamie Hacking, Mike Smith, David Sadowski, Larry Maier, and David Aldana just to name a few veteran Gritters. Mr. Daytona, Scott Russel, has been a sideline fan for a few events and we hope to see him for the 43rd event.

We made it on TV on channel 5 in Atlanta with the assistance of the late Leroy Powell, along with Motorweek Illustrated, Motorworld and On Pit Row. Our TV fame has faded with time but the fun remains.

Yamaha chose to release two new motorcycles at our event flying in new models after the dealer conventions. The first bike introduced was the YSR 50 which included an article in American Motorcyclist magazine and a couple years later the DT 50.

True Grits 50cc is limited to street legal motorcycles to include headlights, taillights, horn, plus a current license plate mounted on the rear of the motorcycle. Quiet motorcycles are a must for this ride. Local police are aware of our event, and they may pull you over if you do not meet the legal state requirement for a road worthy motorcycle. I have been told by experienced riders that a traffic violation including passing on a double yellow can earn a citation and fine of about \$150.00.

We will continue to donate a portion of the entry fee and additional funds donated to some folks who have been an asset to the motorcycle community in the Suches area for the 40-plus years we have had an event in the small town. Last year the total donated was over \$3000. Thanks to all who put a little extra on their entry form for our friends in Suches. Some funds are also donated to one of our favorite charity motorcycle rides, ***Families of Children Under Stress*** {focus} located in Atlanta, Georgia.

We appreciate your pre-entry for our event. It helps with our planning as well as making the donations in Suches possible. We will be at Two Wheels of Suches for rider check-in on Friday evening from 7-9 pm and again on Saturday morning, at 8 am. Please plan to be in Suches by 11:00 am day of event. ***Tasty breakfast items as well as hot coffee will be available prior to the start of the event. Lunch items were also available before and after the "Grits".***

The event will be about 100km or about the same distance as a MotoAmerica national road race. **By the way, the True Grits is not a race** rather it is a fun motorcycle event that has managed to last 43 years. If the event goes rogue, we are done and so far, we have avoided the fate of 'bikers gone stupid'. The event will start in Suches and will finish in Suches. We do not have to play a round of golf or attend a fund raiser for some loser re-elections bid so trophies will be given out promptly with a target of before 5pm. We find it fashionable to be on time or early rather late

for no apparent reason. The scoring is a trade secret and it's based on a few factors that took several years to develop. The fun factor is a major ingredient in the final outcome.

Things have changed since the start of the Grits. In the early days I would look for used trophies to rebadge for the Grits. I ran out of used trophy stash, so we went to hand drawn trophies by my 9-year-old daughter. We cut up pieces of plywood found at scrap piles in our subdivision and put a coat of house paint and she would draw unique pieces of art on each plaque. She got an artist fee of 25 cents a copy. That lasted a few years. Our next stage was to use event art from famed motorcyclist artist Jeff Gundlach which we used for plaques and event t-shirts. Tommy Greenway of Specialty Engraving stepped up and put the artwork on plates and I completed the trophies. Four years ago was the final year the equipment for the plates to be available. This year is the fifth and final year of what we will consider to be a yard sale and will feature vintage but still new plaques, hats and t-shirts for the 44th annual True Grits. Should you have a few old Grits trophies please consider bringing one to win again this year. We will have fresh tags for this years event.

A big thank you goes to Jeff Champion of Champs Clocks [www.champsclock.com] in Douglasville, Ga for our web-site. If you need a cool clock for your home be sure to contact Jeff. Buy a clock and we will comp your entry next year. Better yet buy one now and ride for free in '26.

Sam Shaw and I have shifted gears and we have moved to support another children's charity, **Families of children under stress** (www.focus-ga.org). They have been organized for over 30 years and they provide equipment for 4500+ families with **fragile** children who are not covered by insurance, Medicare or Peachcare. The Blue Ridge 250 will be held at Two Wheel of Suches on Saturday October 3, 2026 There will be a route for road riders as well as adventure dual sport riders. For more information visit www.blueridge250.org.

If you choose to enter after October 1, we are going to shake you down for an additional \$5.00 for a late fee. The extra fee goes straight to the charity funds.

As always, we will stick to the original plan of a limit of 150 riders.

Questions are welcome. You may email me at ben4072003@gmail.com or give me a call at 770-329-3259. Our unofficial web site is www.champsclock.com and look for the 50cc icon. There is something called Facebook and I am told there is some page for the 'Grits'.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank a few of the folks that have been an asset for our event:

Web master, Grits Facebook hero and general Grits guru, Jeff Champion at www.champsclock.com.

*The staff and management of Two Wheels of Suches who open the doors at TWOS for our annual event.
Sam Shaw of roving drag wagon fame. Sam had a record pick up of 6 grits riders during the 2018 event.*

Alfred Kirkland, the voice of reason and Ken Watts all around good guy

Several volunteers who help make this event happen manning check points and general assistance during the event.

Special thanks to noted motorcycle artist Jeff Gundlach.

Plus, Rick 'Wolf' Houge, Butch Lieder who have generously supported our friends in Suches.

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